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AMERY PRICKS CRIPPS BUBBLE

No Advance On August Offer Contemplated In Cabinet Plan

LONDON, April 24.

The next few weeks may be more fateful for the future of the world than any since Dunkirk, Mr. Amery, Secretary of State for India, told the annual meeting of the Brimingham Unionist Association tonight.

"They will decide whether our main enemy has shot his bolt and the end is in sight or whether further years of uphill struggle lie before us", he declared.

Referring to the loss of Malaya, Mr. Amery said that it had not been for lack of loyalty of its people or because of incompetence or want of sympathy on the part of our administrators.

"It is because we, here at home, failed sufficiently to honour the obligation for their defence implicit in our trusteeship."

On the subject of India, Mr. Amery said: "We have no reason to be other than proud of our past achievement, yet we have never thought that achievement as an end in itself. We have always regarded it as a stage, a stepping stone in India's advance towards self Government. For many years she has been advancing on that road. Sir Stafford Cripps went out to prove beyond all doubt the sincerity of our intentions with regard to India's future independence

and to invite Indian political leaders on the strength of the fullness and fairness of our pledges to lay aside their differences with us and with each other and co-operate in the Government of India as at present constituted.

I know of no other nation or Empire that would have made such an offer nor has its rejection in any way weakened our resolution that India shall yet find her honoured place as a free and equal member in the British Commonwealth."

After paying a tribute to the gallantry of Indians, "on many a field", Mr. Amery concluded "They will, I doubt not, fight with equal valour in defence of India itself, if need should come."—Reuter.

Vichy Naval Forces & Free Fr. Commander's Hopes

NEW YORK, April 24.

Admiral Philipe Auboyneau, Commander of the Free French Naval Forces, said on Thursday to the Press, he thought that the Admirals of the Vichy fleet needed to be converted to the Free French cause rather than the ordinary seaman. Although some officers were strongly anti-British and others tied by a sense of discipline to their superiors, he believed, if they were ordered to fight, there would be large deflections from the Vichy Naval Forces. He added that a large proportion of the Vichy fleet was sea-worthy and ready to sail and Free French vessels would not attack Vichy ships unless they were convoying Axis merchant ships or unless they attacked Free French Forces first.—Reuter.

NO ARRESTS OF VICHY SYMPATHISERS

CAPETOWN, April 24.

It is stated on the authority of the Secretary for External Affairs that no arrests of Vichy sympathisers have been made in the Union of South Africa.—Reuter.

STUDY OF WORLD TEXTILE INDUSTRY

LONDON, April 24.

A study of the world textile industry prepared for the previous conference of the International Labour Office is to be brought up-to-date.

The war is having its effect on the industry and a complete picture of what is happening to-day is required before useful proposals could be made said Director E. J. Phelan at the Emergency Committee's Conference.

The chairman of the Conference, an American, Mr. Carter Goodrich said that the work of the Conference would have a definite effect on the present position and on questions of postwar reconstruction.—Reuter.

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On April 17 three of the four members of the American Technical Mission to India reached New Delhi. Photo shows the Hon. Dirk Dekkar, Director of Personnel and Training at the Illinois Steel Corporation; the Hon. Henry Grady, former Assistant Secretary of State, who heads the Society of Automotive Engineers, U.S.A.

Punjab Opposition To Madras Resolution

Sikh Charge Of Breach Of Faith: Bombay Leaders Keep Mum: Emergent Meeting Of Congress Legislature Party Summoned

BOMBAY, Friday

While all sections of political opinion are critical about the resolutions passed by the Congress Legislature Party of Madras and its meeting on Thursday, responsible leaders are not prepared to express opinion publicly.

Mr. B. G. Kher, ex-Premier of Bombay and leader of the Congress Legislature Party in Bombay, while declining to comment on the resolutions, disclosed to a representative of the 'Chronicle' that he had decided to convene an emergent meeting of those members present in Bombay of Legislature Party on Saturday.

It is likely that the Madras resolutions will come up for discussion at the meeting which will be attended by all those Congress members who are in Bombay at present.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, on receipt of a telegram from Sevagram, decided to cancel his programme and left for Wardha tonight.

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, M.L.A. (Central) in the course of an interview said:—

"It is a piece of mischievous opportunism, in utter disregard of the wider interests of the nation."

Mr. S. K. Patil said: "I am shocked at the resolutions. This seems to be a different Rajaji from the one whom we had learnt to admire and follow for the past twenty or more years. He has undone what the Congress under the leadership of Gandhiji had done for the past two years."

A spokesman of the Muslim League said that the Madras resolutions were only recommendatory in character and unless a definite attitude was taken up by the All-India Congress Committee, the Muslim League could not express any opinion.

BENGAL PROTEST

CALCUTTA, April 24.

Surprise at the resolution passed by the Madras Congress Legislature Party yesterday recommending to the A.I.C.C. to acknowledge the Muslim League's claim for separation is expressed by Mr. Kiran Sankar Roy, Leader of the Bengal Congress Parliamentary Party, in a statement to the press.

Mr. Roy says that after the failure of the Cripps' Mission all talk about National Government should have been stopped altogether. "It seems", he adds, "that Rajaji would co-operate in the formation of a National Government even though the Defence of India remains the exclusive concern of His Majesty's Government. Sir Stafford Cripps made it perfectly clear that even if all parties combined Great Britain was not handing over defence to the people of India. In the circumstances this truckling to Mr. Jinnah is uncalled-for and unedifying."

BREACH OF POLICY

Referring to the second resolution passed by the Madras Congress Legislature Party, Mr. Roy says it is a request for an action which will mean the reversal of the entire policy of the Congress. Whether it is open to the members of the Working Committee to speak or to give a lead which is contradictory to the declared policy of the Congress, it is for the President of the Congress to decide; but it is undeniable that the recent speeches of some of the eminent leaders of the Congress have gone far beyond the resolutions of the Congress Working Committee.

WARNING TO RAJAJI

Concluding Mr. Roy says: "I would like to tell Rajaji and those who think like him that this surrender to Mr. Jinnah's claim to a partition of India into Hindu and Muhammadan division which implies that Bengal will be included in Muhammadan India will not be accepted by Bengal, notwithstanding whatever men like Rajaji may say or do. I would also like to appeal to the President of the Indian National Congress to prevent such irresponsibilities on the part of the members of the Congress Working Committee, creating great confusion in the country.—A. P.

PUNJAB WILL REJECT IT

LAHORE, April 24.

The belief that the suggestion made by the Madras Congress Legislature Party to the A.I.C.C. to acknowledge the Muslim League's claim for separation will be repudiated by an overwhelming majority of the members of all communities in the Punjab, is expressed by Lala Bhimsen Sachar, leader of the Congress Party in the Punjab Assembly, in a statement to the press.

He adds: "I am confident the Punjab, as a whole, would not vote for Pakistan. The partition of India, dictated as it is by momentary considerations, is not a solution of India's political ills. The solution lies in the unity of hearts and this cannot be brought about by divisive schemes. It is unpardonable to be a party to the destruction of the natural and agelong unity of India, and I have no doubt the All India Congress Committee will give the correct lead to the country, resisting the onslaught of transient considerations."—A. P.

"Violation Of Pledge Given To Sikhs"

LAHORE, April 24.

"I hope the A.I.C.C. will throw out this proposal which means a violation of the pledge given by the Congress to the Sikhs said Master Tara Singh, the Akali Leader, commenting on the resolution passed by the Madras Congress Legislature Party recommending to the A.I.C.C. to acknowledge the Muslim League's claim for separation.

He added: "The Congress has given to the Sikhs a pledge that they will be party to no settlement which does not give full satisfaction to the Sikhs amongst others. The Sikhs are not prepared to yield to Pakistan. It is, therefore, not proper for the Congress to agree to any proposal for the vivisection of India."—A. P.

TREAT CHINA AS AN EQUAL

Madame Chiang's Appeal To The West

BOMBAY, April 24.

In an article, appearing in the "New York Times", on April 19, Madame Chiang Kai-Shek appealed to the West to think and treat China as an equal, according to a message from Chungking.

There have been three stages in the treatment of the Chinese peoples by the westerners, Madame Chiang pointed out:

First, the western exploitation of China:

Second, the western sympathy and growing admiration for the Chinese in their struggle against Japan since 1937: and

Third, the stage of active co-operation with China—the stage during which the westerners learnt that Chinese victories in the Far East have been due to China's spiritual strength.

Pointing to the future, Madame Chiang said: "In the New World Order that we are going to create, there must be no talk of superior or inferior we must be equal—men and women of all races—pushing forward to a great ideal." —A. P.

JAPS REPULSED WITH HEAVY LOSS

Tokio Troops Set Fire To Villages In Their Retreat

BOMBAY, April 24.

The Japanese, who pushed northward from Kukanting, west of Tsingyunhsien on the Kwangtung front, on Tuesday, have been repulsed by the Chinese with heavy casualties, and are now retreating in the direction of Tsungfsien.

A detachment of 300 Japanese, moving from Sunkaihu towards a point south of Sungpa, has also been defeated by the Chinese. During their retreat, the Japanese set fire to the villages that they passed through. The Chinese are pursuing the retreating enemy.

Meanwhile, according to a Shacowan despatch the Japanese, beleaguered at Pawkaw in the Sungpa district, made an attempt to break through the Chinese cordon with air support, on Tuesday morning. They succeeded, and are now fleeing in easterly direction.

PLEA FOR SINO-AUSTRALIAN CO-OPERATION

On the eve of "Anzac Day", Mr. Lin, Minister of Chinese Overseas Affairs, sent a special broadcast message to Australia from Chungking station to-day.

Mr. Lin reviewed the years of suffering, which the Chinese have endured at the hands of the Japanese aggressors and said: "Now that the fire of aggression is threatening the homes of the people of Australia, the Chinese people feel a keen sympathy for their neighbours in the South Pacific."

Relating how the Overseas Chinese in Malaya and Burma had assisted the Governments there in their attempt at stemming the tide of the Japanese invasion, Mr. Lin called upon the Chinese people, residing in Australia, to lend every possible help to their Allies. "The time will come when the Chinese and Australians will be able to co-operate in peace as they now co-operate in war", concluded Mr. Lin.—A. P.

Japs Bomb Town In Kiangsi

Jiang, in Central Kiangsi Province, had an air raid yesterday, when nineteen Japanese planes in nine waves beginning from 5-0 a.m. raided the eastern parts of the town. Enemy planes bombed and machine-gunned Jiang, but owing to the precautions taken before hand no casualties were suffered, and little damage was done.

Continuing their widespread aerial operations over Cheking and Kiangsi, enemy planes raided Sujanhsien in west Chekiang yesterday. Seven planes participated in the raid, and a number of bombs were dropped on the suburbs of the city, but they failed to do serious damage.

Indian Union

NEW YORK, April 24.

The "New York Times" commenting on the situation in Burma writes: "The Japanese are strengthening by acts of violence Sir Stafford Cripps' arguments for an Indian Union. What is not taking place in the thoughts of 400 million human beings crowded into the Indian peninsula is as important as anything happening on the earth to-day."—Reuter.

Nazi Baltic Port Set On Fire

BRITISH BOMBERS SWOOP OVER ROSTOCK

Small Scale German Raid On South-West England

LONDON, April 24.

An Air Ministry 'communique' states: "A strong force of bombers heavily attacked the Baltic port of Rostock in favourable weather last night.

Widespread fires were left burning and preliminary reports indicate that much damage was done. Four of our aircraft are missing".

The main industries in this German Baltic port are fisheries, machinery, sugar and chemicals. Rostock has a population of approximately 80,000.

A small number of German aircraft flew over districts in South-West England mainly near the coast last night, it is authoritatively learnt in London. Bombs were dropped at several places. There were some casualties including a small number of persons killed and some damage was done, two German bombers were destroyed.

Attack On Flushing

A small force of British bombers this afternoon with a strong escort of fighters attacked targets at Flushing. Later, R. A. F. fighters made a sweep over the coast of Northern France.

R. A. F. Raids On France Explained

The German shortage of fighters is so serious that the Luftwaffe in the west cannot be believed.

The Ministry of Information answering the question "What is the strategic purpose of our immense fighter sweeps over France" says to-day that there are two reasons; to force Germany, already dangerously short of fighters to keep at least half of them in the west and to bring this half of Germany's fighter strength to combat and thus gradually to destruction or alternatively to oblige their fighters to operate incessantly and on a scale beyond its endurance. The R. A. F. now command the skies over Northern France. Swarms of fresh pilots and fresh aircraft can take up the challenge each succeeding day without weakening the force remaining in England for the defence of the British Isles.—Reuter.

COMMANDO RAID SCARE IN BERLIN

VICHY, April 24.

Large German reinforcements are being sent to Norway, according to the Stockholm correspondent of the Basle newspaper "National Zeitung."

"The belief that large-scale raids by British Commandos on the Norwegian coast are imminent is to a certain extent confirmed by the important reinforcements that are being sent to German troops of occupation", the correspondent says.

Armoured divisions are particularly being sent, he adds, according to reports circulating in Sweden.

Plea For Attack On Norwegian Islands

NEW YORK, April 24.

The establishment of a second front in Norway as a prelude to the invasion of France was advocated by the Norwegian Prime Minister Mr. Johan Nygaardsvold on arriving in New York. He said he favoured an immediate attack on the Norwegian Islands of Barre and Janmayen to open the trade route to Northern Russia.

"The things I want most now is to see Norway free so that we might deal with "Quislings" in the way Germany dealt with Norwegians" he added.

The Premier said he will stay for a month in the United States and is going to Washington immediately.—Reuter.

Swedish Govt. Lodges Protest With British Govt.

STOCKHOLM, April 24.

The Swedish Government has lodged a protest with the British Government in connection with the alleged arming of Norwegian ships that recently broke out from Gothenburg.

The Swedish Government has further instructed the Attorney General to investigate the suggestion that machine-guns had been smuggled aboard the vessels. The first indication that the ships were armed appeared, it is stated here, in messages concerning sailors who had got to England. They were reported to have stated that a German attack had been repulsed with machine-gun fire. This, it is added, caused surprise as the Swedish authorities had enforced the most stringent Neutrality Regulations.

No permission to export war material had been requested or granted, it is declared, and such export would be forbidden by a Neutral Power. The next day the official German News Agency issued a report that one of the ships was armed. The "Dagens Nyheter" says the German Government informed the Swedish Government through diplomatic channels that captured sailors had revealed that all ten Norwegian ships were armed—in "circumstance which the Germans found highly remarkable and protested against."—Reuter.

CONSTRUCTION AFTER WAR

Plea For Removal Of Root Causes Of Suspicion Among Asiatics

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 24.

Yesterday's meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organisation emphasised the fact that Asia was destined to play an important part in international affairs after the war.

Speakers from India and China gave the White races a polite but firm reminder that war had created for the Allies as well as others a multitude of new problems and new needs in the solution of which both China and India must play a great part.

Mr. Samaldhari Lall, acting Indian High Commissioner, representing the Government of India pointed out that India and China had a population of more than 800 million. Both had social and cultural relations extending over centuries and spiritual association which was not so well-known. Following the discussion for setting up a committee to consider and report on measures for postwar reconstruction, Mr. David Erulkar Indian Employers' representative criticised Mr. Lall's proposal made on behalf of Government of India to set up a Regional Conference of Asiatic countries Mr. Erulkar pointed out that the root causes which underlined the admitted apathy of the Asiatic people to the Allied cause should be investigated and remedied before any Regional Conference could be contemplated.

Mr. Erulkar referred to the Atlantic Charter which had been adopted as the basis for postwar reconstruction. He referred to the Prime Minister's statement excluding India from the operation of the Charter which created natural dissatisfaction all over India. Indian people felt aggrieved at the denial of the fundamental right of human liberty and freedom which the Charter recognised. On the other hand India was called upon to lay open her raw material and resources to all countries. Mr. Erulkar demanded that these doubts of the Indian people should be cleared up by an unequivocal assurance regarding the Charter. He emphasised that unless and until these and other similar grievances of the Asiatic people which fell within the scope of the I.L.O. were removed all efforts at organisation would be regarded by Asiatics with suspicion.

SITUATION IN BURMA BRINGS DANGER NEARER TO ASSAM

But Whatever May Await Our Fate We Shall Not Bow To Any Aggression, Says Jawahar

DIBRUGARH (Assam), April 23.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, accompanied by Mr Fakruddin Ahmed, ex-Finance Minister of Assam, and several prominent Congressmen of the province arrived here last evening and visited the Indian, Anglo-Indian and European evacuee camps here.

Addressing the crowd that assembled near the Indian Evacuee Camp, Pandit Nehru referred to the 'grave' situation in Burma which, he thought, had brought the danger nearer to Assam. He asked the people not to give way to panic, and declared "whatever may await our fate we shall not bow to any aggression.

As we have not yielded to the British so long, we shall not surrender to the Japanese or the German, whoever he might be.

It was quite natural with the Indians in Burma to retain to their homeland under the circumstances created by the war in that country. But where could we go leaving our homes even if those things came to pass in this country."

He advised the people to stay on where they were and face and fight any possible aggression. Indians in Burma complained of atrocities by traitors, but they should have collectively resisted these atrocities rather than yielding to them individually.

Referring to the apprehension that there might be aerial attacks on Indian towns, Pandit Nehru did not rule out the possibility of such things, but observed that sufficient precautions could be adopted to minimise the adverse effects of such incidents.

Concluding he foreshadowed a time when it would be necessary for every Indian to prepare himself for sacrifice for his motherland, and expressed the hope that, if that opportunity came, Indians would not be lacking in the spirit to fight for victory.

RESIST THROUGH NON-CO-OPERATION

SIBSAGAR:—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, while returning from Dibrugarh this morning at Sibsagar for half an hour on his way to Tezpur Mr. Fakhruddin Ahmed was accompanying him.

Pandit Nehru addressed a large gathering in the Kaliprosad Memorial Hall, in Hindi, in the course of which he said that Indians would resist Japanese aggression by non-co-operating.

Referring to Sir Stafford Cripps' proposals, Pandit Nehru said that unless defence was transferred to the proposed National Government, such a Government was meaningless and not acceptable to them. Merely by shouting slogans one could not cope with modern machines and modern warfare.

He stressed the need for self-sufficiency and self-protection of rural units and urged the people to stick to their posts and bravely carry out the constructive programme of the Congress.—A. P.

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1. (a) Letter from the Registrar, University of Bombay—Regarding the election of the Corporation's representative on the Senate of the University of Bombay, 'vice' Mr. Mathooradas Tricamjee, resigned; and (b) election of a representative on the Senate.
2. Election of one member on the Markets and Gardens Committee, 'vice' Mr. Umadutt S. Nemani who has ceased to be a Councillor.
3. Interpellations.
4. Application for gratuity, etc., from an ex-Municipal employee.

5-7. Letters from the authorities of the (5) Dadar School for the Blind; (6) Prabhadevi Vyayam Mandir; and (7) Tardeo Vyayam Shala—Thanking the Corporation for giving grants-in-aid of their respective institutions for the year 1941-42.

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Resolutions of the Standing Committee—

15. Regarding the reservation of a plot of ex-Trust land at Sewri for a cemetery for the Dawoodi Bohra Community, etc.
16. Regarding the modification of a Municipal Service Regulation relating to appointments made during the absence on leave of Honorary Lecturers in the Seth G. S. M. College.
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19. Regarding the enforcement or otherwise of sanctions obtained for the removal of unauthorized works.
20. Forwarding list of letters from the Municipal Chief Auditor pending disposal by the Standing Committee.
21. Regarding the creation of two temporary posts of Inspectors in the Water Works Department.
22. Regarding the way—leave agreement with the Bombay Port Trust for a drain passing through their land at Mahim Foreshore, etc.
23. Recommending sanction to a Budget transfer for providing a telephone connection in the office of the Transport Inspector at Love Grove.

Resolutions of the Improvements Committee—

24. Regarding permission for constructing sitting-out places, etc., on the terraces of buildings on certain plots in Scheme 5, Dadar-Matunga Estate.
25. Regarding the construction of a motor garage on the compulsory open space of a plot, in Scheme 5, Dadar-Matunga Estate, etc.
26. Regarding construction of a dormitory at Naigaum, etc.

Resolutions of the Special Committees—

27. Regarding plans and estimates for laying new storm-water drains, etc., in certain roads in the City.
28. Regarding the revised estimates for the extension of Hindu Cemetery at Bhoiwada.
29. Regarding the revised estimate for the Nurses' quarters, etc., at the Bellasis Road Maternity Home.
30. Regarding the determination of the amount payable to the Improvement Schemes Account out of the realizations from the General Tax.
31. Schools Committee's letter—Reporting on the question of increasing the percentage of trained teachers.

Communications from the Commissioner—

32. Reporting the reasons for delay in submitting reports on certain Corporation Resolutions.
33. Regarding permission for the construction of a motor garage, sitting-out place, etc., to the lessee of a plot in Scheme 5, Dadar-Matunga Estate.
34. Forwarding the Monthly Analytical and Bacteriological Reports on the Bombay Water Supplies.
35. Regarding permission to the Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, to visit Ahmedabad for advice about re-organizing the local Fire Brigade.
36. Regarding the erection of a meter box on the compulsory open space of a certain plot in Sion-Matunga Estate.
37. Regarding the construction of a clock tower, etc., at a building on certain plots in Dadar-Matunga Estate.
38. Forwarding quarterly statement showing the quantity of water brought into the City from various Lakes, etc.
39. Forwarding a list showing the breeding places of malaria carrying mosquito detected in March 1942.
40. Forwarding half-yearly report of the work done in the Municipal Laboratory.
41. Further consideration of the draft Bye-law for prohibiting visitors from spitting in Municipal parks, etc.

Government Letters—

42. Confirming the Bye-law empowering the Schools Committee to effect Budget transfers.
43. Regarding the amendment of Rule 18 of the Grants-in-aid Code of the Schools Committee so as to disallow certain expenditure by the aided schools for Municipal grant.
44. Letter from Mr. W. R. G. Smith, C.I.E.,—Thanking the Corporation for their resolution appreciating his services.
45. Letter from Mr. Mathooradas Tricamjee—Resigning his seat on the Corporation.
46. Letter from Mr. M. I. Rowjee—Applying for leave of absence from the meetings of the Corporation.

Letters from the Municipal Secretary—

47. Reporting the names of Councillors who have ceased to be members of the Grants-in-Aid Committee.
48. Requesting the Corporation to appoint their representative on the Managing Board of the Hindu Deen Daya Sangh.
49. Requesting the Corporation to appoint their representative on the Bombay Adult Education Committee, 'vice' Mr. D. R. Gharpure, resigned.
50. Confirmation of the Special Committees' Proceedings.
51. Schools Committee's letters—Forwarding printed copies of the Committee's Proceedings.

Notices of Motions—

52. From Mr. D. V. Pradhan—For continuing the practice of supplying bound volumes of the Records of the Corporation, etc., to such Councillors as may require them.
53. From Mr. Cooverji J. Shah—For re-naming Government Gate Road at Parel as 'Meghji Muthooradas Road.'
54. From Mr. Fatehmahomed Haji Ramzan—For displaying a notice in Municipal Offices requiring Municipal employees to treat the public with courtesy, etc.
55. From Mr. M. O. E. Patel—For requesting Government to appoint a Committee to prepare a scheme for utilizing the services of employees in Educational Institutions for A.R.P. and other allied civic activities.
56-58. From Mr. Fatehmahomed Haji Ramzan—For (56) re-naming a portion of Grant Road as 'Pakistan Road'; (57) removing the urinal, etc., at the junction of Sukhlaji Street and Grant Road; and (58) re-naming parts of Bapty Road in different Wards after some prominent citizens.
59-62. From Mr. Shivdas Champsey Thakkar—For (59) re-naming Kakadwadi Lane as 'Arya Samaj Street'; (60) naming a road in the City after Seth Singhanee; (61) naming a certain road joining Marine Lines with Queen's Road as 'Sir Dinshaw Mulla Road'; and (62) naming Babula Tank Road or any other road in the locality as 'Ramchandra Bhatt Road.'
63. From Mr. Khimji M. Bhujpuria—For re-naming Carnegie Road as "Hansraj Pragji Thackersey Road.'
64. From Mr. R. S. Vagh, seconded by Mr. P. K. Savant—For re-naming Foras Road off Lamington Road as 'Patil-Kajle Road'.
65-66. From Mr. M. O. E. Patel—For expressing opinion that (65) greater scope should be given to women in the Teaching and Inspection of primary schools; and (66) Municipal Councillors should remain in Bombay during the ensuing hot season to inspire confidence, etc., amongst the people.
67. From Mr. Fatehmahomed Haji Ramzan—For printing the Water Charges Rules in Marathi, Gujarati and Urdu languages also.

By Order of His Worship
the Mayor,
S. N. DAMLE,
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 24th April, 1942.
(8191)

"BAYER" & "SCHERING" PRODUCTS

IT IS NOTIFIED, for the information of the Medical Profession, Hospitals and Public, that stocks of many products of 'Bayer' and 'Schering' are still available for sale. Interested parties are requested to apply for current price-lists to the:

Office of the Custodian of the Assets of
Bayer Remedies Limited & Schering (India) Limited
NEW ADDRESS
"Menkwa Building" (1st floor),
Murzban Road, Fort,
Bombay.
(8177)

ROYAL INDIAN NAVY

REQUIRED for R. I. N. Office, European Caretaker preferably Army pensioner, with knowledge of Urdu and Hindustani. Salary Rs. 250|- p. m. (No quarters). Applications with testimonials should be forwarded to the Staff Officer, (Bombay), R. I. N., Vithal House, Mint Road, Bombay. 8161

CORRECTION

WITH reference to advertisement re. loss of share certificates in Column 3 Page 2 of the issue of 6th April, please read "THE TATA POWER CO., LTD." instead of the "Andhra Valley Power Supply Co., Ltd." 16120

Public Notices

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from persons, domiciled in Bombay Province, for posts of Clerks. Minimum Qualifications, Matric. Preference will be given to non-advanced Classes. For further particulars apply to the Educational Inspector, Bombay Division, Old Custom House, Bombay, enclosing stamped self-addressed cover. 8192

NOTICE

THE AHMEDABAD MUNICIPALITY has resolved to open the Ahmedabad Municipal Primary Teachers' Training College for men and women, for Gujarati and Urdu teachers from June, 1942.

Applications are, therefore, invited from men and women knowing Gujarati or Urdu or both for the following posts with the given scales of pay on or before the 30th April, 1942.

NAME OF THE POST		SCALE OF PAY.
Principal	Rs.	100-10-150 E.B. 10-200.
Assistant Teachers	Rs.	60-10-100 E.B. 10-150.
Drawing Teacher	Rs.	40-5-60.
Music Teacher	Rs.	40-5-80.
Hindustani Teacher	Rs.	30-5|2-60.
Carpentry Teacher	Rs.	30-5|2-60.
Spinning & Weaving Teacher	Rs.	30-5|2-60.
Sewing Teacher	Rs.	25-5|2-40.

The applicants for the Principal's and Assistant Teachers' posts of the College should at least be a trained Graduate. All the applicants for the various posts of the College must have some teaching experience, hence those without any teaching experience need not apply.

All the applicants should state their (a) qualifications, (b) age, (c) experience, (d) caste and religion, (e) mother-tongue, (f) permanent place of residence, (g) present pay, and (h) expected pay for the new post and attach testimonials with their qualifications.

Those that have already applied in this connection need not apply again.

Dated 23-4-42.
N. M. DESAI,
Vice-Chairman, School Board,
Ahmedabad Municipality.
(8190)

IN THE MATTER OF THE INDIAN COMPANIES ACT, 1913. AND IN THE MATTER OF JASPAR LIMITED, (In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company are required on or before the 25th day of May, 1942, being the date for that purpose fixed by me, the Liquidator of the said Company, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of the debts or claims to the undersigned and if so required by notice in writing from me either personally or by their attorneys to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 25th day of April, 1942
R. N. MEHTA,
Liquidator.
(8188)

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY

BOMBAY INSPECTION CIRCLE

WANTED

(A) EXAMINERS OF STORES (TEXTILES):—Candidates should have had a good general education and should possess a sound knowledge of the fundamentals of textile technology. They should also have had general training for not less than two years which embraced all the important sections of textiles manufacture in a modern cotton or woollen mills and either (a) have had further practical experience for a period of three years in a textile mill or (b) possess a Textile Diploma equivalent to the L.T.M., Bombay. Pay Rs. 150—200 according to qualifications.

(B) SUPERVISORS OF TEXTILES:—Candidates should have had a good general education and should possess a sound knowledge of the fundamentals of textile technology must have had a practical training for not less than 6 months which embraced important sections of Textile manufacture in a modern cotton or woollen mill and possess a Textile Diploma equivalent to the L.T.M., Bombay. Practical knowledge of spinning and weaving is essential. Pay Rs. 90-120 according to qualifications.

(C) ASSISTANT SUPERVISORS OF TEXTILES:—Candidates should hold a School Leaving Certificate of an Indian University (this condition may be relaxed in special cases) and should have six months practical experience of working in a textile mill. Technical Education will be considered as an additional qualification. Pay Rs. 65|-

Certain number of posts are reserved for Muslims and other minority communities.

Application forms may be obtained on payment of Re. 1|- in cash or by money order giving name and address of the applicant in BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS on the coupon. Crossed postal orders and postage stamps will not be accepted. Application should be submitted immediately.

CONTROLLER OF INSPECTION,
Ballard Estate, Bombay.
(8002)

Public Notices

ORIENTAL GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of Policy numbered 383685 on the life of Shaikh Mohamed Yusuf Janab of Bombay, Duplicate Policy will be issued unless objection is lodged with us within one month from this date.

Bombay, 25th April, 1942.
(Sd.) H. E. JONES,
Manager.
16115

WANTED WAR TECHNICIANS

CANDIDATES are urgently required for training as Fitters, Turners, Machinists, Moulders, Pattern-makers, Millwrights, Carpenters, Welders, Boiler Attendants, Tin and Coppersmiths, Electricians, Draughtsmen and Wirless Operators under the Technical Training Scheme.

For details and application forms apply to the Chairman, National Service Labour Tribunal, Vithal House, Mint Road, Bombay. 8189

NOTICE

WANTED for service under the Labour Department of the Government of India an officer with Engineering or Administrative experience who has retired within the last three years from an All-India Service or from a listed post or a Class I Provincial Service. The officer will be posted at the headquarters of the Government of India but may be required to do some touring. His duties will be to co-ordinate information received from provinces on certain matters connected with work in the Labour Department. The pay of the officer will be so regulated as to give him a total emolument of Rs. 1,000|- p.m. inclusive of any pension that he might be drawing and the period of employment is likely to be three months. Applications stating age and qualifications should reach the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Labour, New Delhi, not later than the 30th April, 1942. 8197

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY

WHARFAGE CHARGES AT VIRAMGAM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that with effect from 1st May, 1942, the period allowed free of wharfage charges for the removal of inward goods of all descriptions at Viramgam, will be two days, including the day of arrival, irrespective of the time at which goods are made available for delivery on the day of arrival.

It is further notified that on and after the same date, wharfage charges at this station wil be one anna per maund or part of a maund, per day or part of a day, in excess of the free time. (8200)

Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 578 of 1938

BHIMJI PREMJI and another ..... Plaintiffs
v|s.
JOSHI PURSHOTTAM KUVERJI and others... Defendants.

PURSUANT TO DECREE Absolute for Sale, dated 7th August, 1941, the following immovable properties will be sold by Public Auction in two lots by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on THURSDAY, 21st May, 1942, at 3 P. M. (S. T.)

PARTICULARS
LOT NO. I.

All those pieces of land with trees thereon in the District of Satara, Sub-District Koregaon Kasba Rehmatpur and bearing the following numbers:— Firstly: Jankerwady, R. S. No. 525. Area 5-29, Assessment Rs. 29-3-0, Secondly: Chahur, R. S. No. 583, Area 5-24, Assessment Rs. 29-3-0, Thirdly: Girnichi, R. S. No. 957, Area-12, Assessment Rs. 2-14-0.

LOT NO. 2.

ALL those pieces of land in the District Satara, Sub-District Koregaon, Kasba Rehmatpur with the following houses: Firstly: A house having a tiled roof and comprising of twenty Khans with two Padchiti Khans—in all twenty-two Khuns bearing Municipal Committee's House No. 348. Secondly: A house having a tiled roof and six Khuns bearing the Municipal Committee's No. 166. Thirdly: A house having a roof partly of tiles and partly of corrugated sheets having in all 22 Khuns, together with an open space bearing Municipal Committee No. 167.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. MULLA AND MULLA, Attorneys for the plaintiffs abovenamed at No. 51, Jehangir Wadia Building, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner.
Dated this 18th day of March, 1942. 8188

Public Notices

SERVICE COMMISSION

Wanted two Deputy Superintendents of Police in the Bombay Police service. Qualifications.— A university degree. *Age.*—Not less than 22 and not more than 25 years. *Pay*—Rs. 250-250-20-450 (II grade) Rs 475-25-600 (I grade). Rs. 200 during probationary period.

Full details may be obtained from the Secretary to the Commission, P.W.D Secretariat, Bombay. Last date for receipt of applications in the printed prescribed form which will be supplied on receipt of an addressed (large) envelope bearing postage stamps of 2½ annas and one rupee in cash or by an uncrossed Indian Postal Order in favour of the Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission: *23rd May 1942.* 8151.

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. RATTANSEY HIRJI BHOJRAJ, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Alli Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:—

ALL those pieces or parcels of land or ground together with the structures standing thereon, containing an area of 250000- square yards or thereabouts and situate, lying and being at Moje Mulund, Taluka South Salsette, District Bombay Suburban and Registration Sub-District of Bandra forming part of land bearing New Survey No. 1000 and bearing the following Plot Nos. on a plan handed over by the vendor on the agreement of sale i. e. 1130 to 1164, 1174 to 1244, 1250 to 1276 and bounded as follows:— that is to say, on or towards the East by Gopaldas Road, on or towards the West by Agra Road, on or towards the North by the Bombay Road and on or towards the South by a public road.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 1942.
THAKORDAS DARU
HEMANY & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys. 8187

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that EBRAHIMBHAI ESSABHAI BATLIWALLA and DAWOODBHAI ESSABHAI BATLIWALLA, both of Bombay Muslim Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office in Alli Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof. Otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of land or ground of the Pension and Tax tenure (since redeemed) together with the messuage tenement or chawl standing thereon situate, lying and being at the junction of Gokhale Road (South) and Nadulla Tank Road, otherwise known as Khet Gully, Dadar, without the Fort of Bombay in the registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 647 square yards or thereabouts according to old documents but 606 square yards or thereabouts according to Cadastral Survey records and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue with other lands under Old Nos 175, 175, 739, New Nos. 3800, 3803 4680, Old Survey Nos. 523, 497 and 497 and New Survey Nos. 1|1814 and 1|1827 bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1300 of Lower Parel Division and bounded as follows:— that is to say on or towards the East and North by the public passage leading to Parbhadevi Road on or towards the West by the property of Noormahomed Haji Ebrahim and on or towards the South by the property of Sobhagchand Tullockchand and which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward No. 3409 (12) Old Street No. 1-15, 184, 186 and 188 and New Street Nos. 62, 62 A, 62 B, 1, 1 A and 1 B.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 1942.
THAKORDAS DARU
HEMANY & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys 8186

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. MANU SUBEDAR, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office in Alli Chambers, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of land of the Queens Road Estate of the Government of India within the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 550 square yards or thereabouts being sub-plot No. 4A of Plots, Nos. 46 and 47 of the said Queens Road Estate and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1874 (part) of Fort Division and Municipal "A" Ward No. 353a (2) and Street No. 5A Carnegy Lines and bounded as follows that is to say on or towards the East by 40 feet road on or towards the South by Sub-plot No. 1 on or towards the West by Plot No. 4B and on or towards the North by the old Scottish Cemetery Garden.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 1942.

THAKORDAS DARU HEMANY & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
(8179)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RATILAL PARMANANDDAS and Bai GODAVARIBAI, widow of Parmananddas Jeenabhai both of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office No. 70, Meadows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of Leasehold land or ground being Plot No. 8 of the City of Bombay Improvement Trust, admeasuring 191 square yards or thereabouts together with the messuage tenements or dwelling houses standing thereon on the East side of New Bhatwady Road, assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under D Ward Nos. 400 and 401 and Street Nos. 6 and 7 and bearing Collector's New Survey No. 7903 and 7905 and Cadastral Survey No. 1378 of Girgaum Division and bounded on the East by the property of Moreshwar Kashinath and others, on the South partly by the property of Balkrishna Purshottam Mantri and Narayan Purshottam Mantri and partly by Plot No. 9 on the West by the New Bhatwady Road and on the North by Trust Plot No. I and the property thereon of Nanalal Prabhuram and which said premises are now occupied by the tenants of the Vendors.

Dated this 24th day of April, 1942.

DESAI & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
8193

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. KENNETH RUMBALL has contracted to sell the undermentioned immovable property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at ALLI CHAMBERS, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the Sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground with the building, messuage or tenement standing thereon situate lying and being at Mouje Kole Kalyan, Pada Vakola, Santa Cruz (East) in the Bombay Suburban District in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra, Taluka South Salsette, containing by admeasurement 393 square yards or thereabouts and bearing Survey Nos. 362 (Part I) and 363 (Part I) and Hissa No. 1 and bounded on the North by property bearing Survey No. 370 (Part) and Hissa No. 7, on the South by Private Road of Kurla Estate, on the West by property of Victoria Powlina Pereira bearing Survey No. 362 (Part) and on the East by the property of Hargovindas Gokuldas Mehta bearing Survey No. 362 (Part) and 363 (Part).

Dated this 25th day of April, 1942.

GAGRAT & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
8178

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BAI SHANTABAI, widow of Shantaram Ganpat Hajare and Mr. HARISCHANDRA SHANTARAM HAJARE, the Administrators of the estate of Shantaram Ganpat Hajare deceased have contracted to sell to our client the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder written.

All persons having any right, title, interest, claim or demand in or upon the said property or any part thereof by way of mortgage, gift, sale, use, trust, possession, inheritance, lien, maintenance easement, encumbrances or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at 17-19 Wadia Building, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE.

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground of the pension and tax tenure together with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon and situate, lying and being at Church Street or Dadar Gully Lower Mahim, Dadar, without the Fort of Bombay in the Registration sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 296 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 69, New Nos. D'3601, 3686, 4326, Cadastral Survey No. 8/1416 of Lower Parel Division, Old Survey No 475 and New Survey No. 4/1854 and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Ramchandra Ganesh Javle, on or towards the West and North by vacant land left for improvement of Road and on or towards the South by the property of Sumant Yeshwant Joshi and which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under G Ward No. 3334(7) and Street No. 12A, 12B, and were formerly and are now in the occupation of the Vendors and their tenants

Dated this 24th day of April, 1942.

BHIMJI & CO.,
17-19, Wadia, Building, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.
8198.

Auction Sales

UNRESERVED SALE AT SHRI KRISHNA NIVAS, RIDGE ROAD, MALABAR HILL

THE sale of furniture, plated and silverware, marble statues and other decorative and household articles will take place TO-DAY Saturday the 25th inst. at 3 O'clock in the afternoon and TO-MORROW SUNDAY, the 26th inst. at 10-30 in the morning as previously advertised.

N. B.— The garden plants, implements and statues and urns in the garden will be sold at 10 O'clock in the morning on SUNDAY the 26th.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
123, Medows Street, Bombay.

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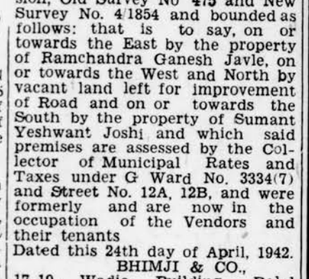

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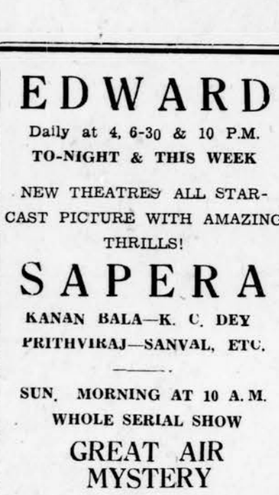

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INDIAN COTTON ON BARGAIN COUNTER

Bombay, April 24

On Thursday, the New York cotton market was quiet on hedge selling, long liquidation and New Orleans selling inspired by reports that Mr Wickard has urged Senators to remove the House provision in the Farm Bill prohibiting sales of surplus commodities below parity Later on there was May liquidation.

At the opening July was 3 points up at 19.65 and improved to 19.66 which was the highest level. Thereafter there was increased selling and July declined to 19.53 which was the lowest level. The market closed at a net decline of 8 to 12 points. Spot cotton prices declined 5 points at 20.99c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quiet and closed at a decline of 4 to 7 points. Spot cotton prices lost 6 points at 20.01c per lb.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. P. Chrystal and Co. state :—"At the end of last week there was another drop in local prices due to traders running away from Bombay and also from tenders of Broach cotton. This was followed by the reassuring broadcast by H. E. the Governor of Bombay and since then although there has been very little trading in the Futures ring there has been a somewhat better tone. There is evidence of more investment buying of our clean cottons which are now well below production cost. Propaganda amongst the farmers to grow more foodstuffs and less cotton next season is expanding and this work should be facilitated by the fact that the prices of foodstuffs are much more attractive than that of our short staple cotton. If the newly proposed hedge contract should be accepted by the trade and we see little reason why it should not only cotton of 3/4 inch staple and over will be tenderable. This in itself ought to discourage the growth of the poorer qualities.

ATTRACTIVE INVESTMENT

The turnover in the Spot market has been small. Mills are still working with a reduced number of operatives but it would seem that the exodus of the latter is now coming to an end and before long we expect the work people will trickle back to work when they realise that Bombay is now well protected from attack, and that danger is less than they thought. Good quality cotton in this market is none too plentiful and in the few transactions reported it is noticeable that basis continues to stiffen. In recent weeks there has been quite a substantial offtake from both Karachi and Bombay on export account and when freight is available we must expect further demand of this nature, for Indian cotton at present prices is an attractive proposition to spinners in Lancashire. We continue to hold the view that Indian cotton is on the bargain counter and an attractive investment for we are convinced that before many moons have passed it will be sold at substantially higher prices than now quoted.

There has been a small turnover in foreign growths and prices are somewhat higher but the small stocks still available can be bought much below replacing cost. It is clearly obvious that such cotton should be secured without delay."

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York July highest (10 a.m.)	19.66+04
New York July lowest (3 p.m.)	91.53—09

Messrs Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends :

New York : Market reacted on hedge selling and long liquidation Undertone steady.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York, April 23

May	19.33—12
July	19.53—09
October	19.70—08
December	19.75—12
January	19.78—11
March	19.90—09
Middling Spot	20.99—05

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New York, April 23

May	19.40—07
July	19.50—06
October	19.97—04
December	20.03—05
January	20.04—05
March	20.13—07
Middling Spot	20.01—06

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL
New York, April 23

May	19.41
July	19.58
October	19.73

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Mill Shares In Request

Bombay, April 24

The local share bazar was fairly steady with a slightly better enquiry for cotton Mill shares. At the opening the market was firm but in the absence of any buying urge prices retreated for Steel shares. Cotton Mill shares make a better showing but general business remains restricted and operators are not inclined to increase risks. It is true that the undertone is steady and prices have improved but it is more due to absence of selling than buying, thus the market still remains uncertain with a cautious attitude.

On Thursday Wall Street market was dominated by selling and leaders declined up to two dollars. Offerings of high grade industrials prompted by taxation hints in conjunction with proposed inflation controls. Several pivotals touched new low levels with only a scattering resisting of the downward trend. U. S Steels declined 1 1/4 at 45 1/8 and Anaconda Coppers downturned 5/8 at 24. General Motors lost 1 1/8 at 33 dollars.

		Bombay, April 24	
TEXTILES			
100	Ahmedabad Advance	298	12
250	BOMBAY DYEING	1060	0
100	CENTURY	361	0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	325	0
100	Colaba X. D.	140	0
100	Coorla	105	0
250	Dawn	627	8
250	David	300	0
1	E. D. Sassoon Defd	2	7 8
100	FINLAY	177	0
100	GOKAK	246	0
1000	Hindustan	2282	8
100	Indore	240	0
100	Khatau	217	8
100	KOHINOOR X.D.	405	0
250	LAXMI	700	0
100	Madhusudan	320	0
100	MORARJI	460	0
250	Model X. D.	213	0
50	MYSORE	125	0
200	NEW GREAT X.D.	225	0
100	Podar X. D.	180	0
100	Phoenix	385	0
25	Sassoon Silk	80	0
1000	Sholapur	5000	0
50	SIMPLEX	155	0
100	SWADESHI	394	0
100	SWAN	180	0
500	Vishnu	1500	0
1000	Western	1500	0
BANKS			
50-100	Baroda X. D.	103	8
25-50	Central India X. D.	41	0
500	Imperial	1435	0
125-500	Imp Cont.	352	8
50-100	India X. D.	130	0
100	RESERVE BANK	98	0
5	Union X. D.	6	0
CEMENTS			
100	ASSOCIATED X. D.	156	8
INSURANCE			
15-75	New India	42	8
100	Empire	700	0
15-100	Jupiter	13	0
20	Mercantile	60	0
200	Oriental	3500	0
10-50	Vulcan	7	14
ELECTRIC			
100	Ahmedabad Old X. D.	170	0
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1510	0
10	Ajmer	13	1
50	BOMBAY TRAMS	129	0
100	Bombay Suburban	160	0
10	Broach	14	0
100	Karachi	195	0
100	Poona X. D.	215	0
100	Surat	175	0
100	TATA HYDRO	153	0
1000	TATA POWER	1357	8
RAILWAYS			
500	Ahmedabad Prantij X. D.	848	12
100	C. Province	103	0
100	Dhond Baramati	104	4
100	Gujarat	103	0
100	Mandra Bhon	100	0
100	Pachora Jamner	92	8
100	Sara Sirajganj	95	8
MININGS			
9	Burma Corporation	1 10	6
2sh.	Indian Copper	1 10	6
10	Indian Iron and Steel	23	8
10	SHIVRAJPUR	22	2
10	Mukund Iron	13	15
30	TATA STEEL DEFD	1385	0
75	TATA STEEL ORD	260	0
10	Steel Corporation	13	8
MISCELLANEOUS			
100	ALCOCK	425	0
10	Air Services	3	0
50	BELAPUR SUGAR	225	0
200	Bombay Safe Deposit	650	0
250	BOMBAY STEAM	316	0
125	B. BURMA	200	0
50	Contributory	68	0
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	1	2
100	IND. BLEACHING	140	0
50	Ind. Invest. Trust X.D.	44	8
100	Indian Radio Def	360	0
100	Indian Radio Ord	340	0
100	Port Canning	72	0
30	PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	110	0
15	Scindia	17	9
25	Tata Oil	45	4
24	Tata Chemical	13	2
100	Wimco	202	8
PREFERENCE			
7	p.c. Andhra Valley	1502	0
6	p.c Bom. Steam	317	8
7	per cent Bombay Tram (T.F.) X.D.	70	4
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	670	0
6	1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 1st X.D.	115	8
6	1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 2nd X.D.	104	0
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	142	0
7	1/2 per cent Tata Power X.D.	1525	0
6	per cent Tata Steel 1st	181	4
7	1/2 per cent Tata Steel 2nd	118	8
7	p.c Vishnu	716	0
DEBENTURES			
4	p.c. Andhra Valley Deb.	100	4
4	p.c Bom Telephone	48	0
5	per cent Morarji	102	8
4	p.c Tata Power Deb.	106	8
5	p.c. Sholapur	71	8

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, April 24

The market ruled slightly easier to-day. Tata Deferreds closed somewhat lower at 1250 and Tata Ordinaries at 241. Bombay Dyeings quietened to 1045 while other mill shares were inclined to rule steadier. Indian Irons were better off at 23-8.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange, to-day :—

Tata Deferreds (1287/8) 1285 1250
Tata Ordinaries (244) 245 241
Tata Ordinary 241; Tata Deferred 1250; Indian Iron 23/8; Steel Corpn of Bengal 1370; Bombay Dyeing 1045; Central India 323/12; Century 358/2; Gokak 246/14; Kohinoor 410; Simplex 162; Andhra Valley 1455; Tata Hydro 150; Tata Power 1355; Associated Cement 157/8; Belapur 221/14; Bombay Burma (old) 202/8.

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, April 24

Following a decline of 9 points in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 166 for Broach J/A delivery but the market opened very steady at Rs. 167/8 and improved to Rs. 169 under moderate covering. Later on there was scattered selling and prices reacted to Rs. 168. Unprotected short sales are being covered in the current Broach settlement and A/M delivery improved to Rs. 154 and difference between two contracts is narrowing. Later on there was increased selling and prices eased to Rs. 167.

Prices after declining to Rs. 166/12 improved to Rs. 168/4 when renewed selling pressure appeared and prices steadied at Rs. 167/8. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under :—

BROACH	April/May	Rs. 150	12 0
BROACH	July/August	166	4 0
OOMRA	May	134	4 0
OOMRA	July	146	4 0
BENGAL	May	124	12 0
BENGAL	July	131	12 0

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, April 24

	To-day	Total
Broach A/M	850	61,950

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, April 24

	Extra Sprfine	Sup Fine	FG	Good
M G Bengal U P		133 130	127	124
M G Punjab		133 130	127	124
M G Rajputana		139 136	133	130
M G Oomra No. 3	142	139 136	133	
M G C P No. 1	171	168 165	162	
M G C P No. 2	154	151 148	145	
M G Broach No. 2		160 157	154	151
M G Punjab-American		235 232	229	225
M G Surat		306 302	299	296
M G Rajpipla		300 297	294	291
M G Navsari		310 307	304	301

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 24

	Old.	Ready
Bengal Fine	115-18	127/30
Berar	117-20	137/40
C. P. 1	127-30	167/69
C. P. 2	121-23	145/47
Khandesh	92-98	120/23
Mugtai	102-10	128/30
Broach	110-15	155/57
Broach Low	95-102	.....

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, April 24

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales.

	Yesterday.	This year	Last year
Khandesh	.....	76,370	97,048
Central India	101	29,770	133,077
Barsi and Nagar	101	52,411	105,655
Hyderabad/Gaorani	.....	14,471	39,158
Berar	.....	175,664	349,229
Central Provinces	150	85,980	74,363
Total Oomras	352	434,666	798,530
Dholeras	56	30,695	73,291
N W Provinces	.....	1 021	1,306
Rajputana	.....	402	5,442
Sind-Punjab	2,101	397,203	477,417
Broach	833	306,906	150,442
Coompta & Dharwar	460	11,184	63,198
Westerns-Northerns	.....	8,643	55,064
Cocanada	.....	.....	239
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	164	10,643	2,179
Arrived by road to 16th April 1942	.....	92,500	273,133

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, April 24

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 118 28 114 35 113 42 112 49-56 111

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21 Rs. 104 24 100 28 100 35 90 42 89 49-56 89

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 72 Rosita Rs. 70 Country make Rs. 54 Pigiead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 29/8 per cwt.

Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 83 per gr.

SETTLEMENT RATES

Copper sheets Ashad Rs. 112

Market tone :—Steady.

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, April 24

Wheat May	0 1 6
Linseed May	0 1 6
Groundnut May	0 14 0
Castorseed May	1 4 0
Cottonseed May	0 10 0

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay April 24

Fine White Java per cwt :—

Ready from bonds Rs. 22-0-0 to 22-8-0

Indian :—

Small grain Rs. 20-3-0 to 20-12-0

Large grain Rs. 20-12-0 to 21-0-0

Bulund Rs. 21-0-0

Chinai Leesa Rs. 31-0-0

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GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, April 24

2	3/4 per cent 1948-52	93	
3	1/2 per cent G. P. Notes	88/8	
3	per cent 1951/54 Loan	94/0	
3	per cent 1949/52 Loan	95/1	
4	per cent 1960/70 Loan	103/1	
4	per cent 1945 Bonds	101/12	
3	per cent War Bonds	97/13	
3	1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan	97/8	
4	1/2 per cent 1955 Loan	107/8	
TAX FREE LOANS			
5	per cent 1945/55 Loan	105/2	
4	per cent 1953/63 Mysore	112	
5	per cent 1965 Mysore	122	
CORPORATION DEBENTURES			
4	per cent B P T	1947	97/8
4	per cent M Deb	1947	101/12
5	per cent M Deb	1959	108/8
5	per cent M. Deb	1964	120
5	per cent K P T	1956	115

Tone :—Steady. Rates nominal.

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, April 24

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d. New York spot silver was unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 52-10-3. The local market was steady with a moderate demand. Quotations were as under :—

GOLD

Ready	Rs.	49 4 0
Vaishakh		48 12 0
Sovereigns		37 10 0

SILVER

Ready		82 8 0
Vaishakh		77 0 0

LONDON SILVER
London, April 23

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD
London, April 23

Gold Bars Fine per oz.	£8-8-0

LONDON EXCHANGES
London, April 23

T T London on :—
New York sellers 4.02 1/2 buyers 4.03 1/2
Madrid official 40.5 voluntary rate 46.55
Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47
Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4
Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

LONDON PRODUCE
London, April 23

Rozario Santa Fe April/May quoted 24/7 1/2
Barletta Russo April/May quoted 22/1 1/2
Australian Wheat April/May quoted 27/6

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, April 23

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£62
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£101 7/32
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£83 1/4
Conversion loan 3 1/2 cent 1961	£106 3/4
War loan 3 1/2 per cent	£106 3/8
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£114 3/8
Victory bonds 4 per cent	£113 7/8
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£5 3/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London reg)	£49
National Bank of India	£21 1/2

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, April 24

Groundnuts May—		
Opening	41	6 0
Highest	41	12 0
Lowest	41	6 0
Closing	41	12 0
Castorseeds May—		
Opening	43	0 0
Highest	43	0 0
Lowest	42	12 0
Closing	42	12 0
Cottonseeds May—		
Opening	23	6 0
Highest	23	7 6
Lowest	23	6 0
Closing	23	7 0

N.B. Groundnuts August opened at Rs. 43-10-6 and closed at Rs. 43-10-0. Cottonseed September Rs. 24-8-0.

COTTON PARITY

Broach April/May below New York May 1,348 cent points at 331.

Broach July/August below New York July 1,310 cent points at 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, April 23

Broach April/May highest 153 lowest 147 1/4 closing 151 3/4

Broach July/August highest 168 lowest 165 closing 167

Oomra May highest 135 1/2 lowest 133 1/2 closing 134 3/4

Oomra July highest 147 1/2 lowest 145 closing 147

Bengal May highest 126 lowest 125 closing 125 3/4

Bengal July highest 133 1/2 lowest 132 closing 132 3/4

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MONEY MARKET

Bombay, April 24

LONDON :—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months.
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months.
B. C Rates :—T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 5/32
NEW YORK :—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4; D D Rs. 332 3/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs. 326 1/2
MONTREAL :—
Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2; D D Rs. 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs. 293 3/4
BERNE :—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil.
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil.
STOCKHOLM :—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
MEXICO :—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27; D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs. 62.04
LISBON :—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nominal; D D Esc 7.35 nominal.
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA :—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8; D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil; D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange :—Steady.
Gold £8-8-0 Ready.
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 1/2 Forward.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money :—Call 1/2 per cent
1 and 2 months 3/4 per cent
3 to 5 months 1 per cent
6 to 9 months 1 1/4 per cent
Tone :—Steady.

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TRADE AND FINANCE

SHORT-TERM MONEY MARKET STEADY

Gold And Silver Prices Look Up

LIVELIER TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

Bombay, April 24

MONEY: Conditions in the short-term money market remained steady and unchanged as compared to the preceding week. Call money was quoted at 1/2 per cent. Three to six months' money was available around 1 1/2 per cent. There was a further slight increase in the discount on three months' Government of India Treasury Bills, which fetched Rs. 1-4-9 per cent per annum as against last week's Rs. 1-4-0 per cent. Intermediates to the extent of Rs. 40.25 lacs were sold during the week.

The weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India, compiled up to the 17th of April 1942, shows a substantial increase of Rs. 12.29 crores in the active note circulation in India and a rise of Rs 10.10 crores in the total note issue. On the assets' side, there is a compensating rise of Rs. 3 crores in the Bank's holding of Sterling Securities and an increase of Rs. 7.97 crores in Rupee Securities The ratio of gold bullion and coin plus sterling securities to total liabilities shows a decline of 0.754 per cent. In the Banking Department, Government Deposits have further declined by Rs. 3.60 crores and Bankers' Deposits by Rs. 1.35 crores, whilst other miscellaneous balances show a small rise of Rs. 29.64 lacs. The item of 'Balances held abroad' has gone up by Rs. 2.33 crores. Government have repaid Rs. 3 crores against their borrowings under Ways and Means.

GILTEDGED: Prices on the local giltedged market remained stabilised around their previous levels except 3 1/2 per cent Rupee Paper, which improved from Rs. 88 to Rs. 88-8 on better investment inquiry. Other dated bonds were comparatively neglected and showed little or no change. 2 3/4 per cent 1948-52 loan was stagnant around Rs. 93, 3 per cent 1946 bonds around Rs. 97-14 and 3 per cent 1951-54 loan around Rs. 94. 3 per cent 1963-65 loan ruled steady at Rs. 86-9 and 4 per cent 1943 bonds at Rs. 101-13. 3 1/2 per cent 1947-50 loan, on the other hand, was a shade quieter at Rs. 97-9 and 5 per cent 1945-55 (tax free) loan at Rs. 106-1. 4 per cent 1960-70 loan was inclined to be offered at Rs. 103 mid-week, but subsequently was in demand at Rs. 103-2. 4 1/2 per cent 1955-60 loan was listless at Rs 107-8 throughout.

EXCHANGE: The rupee/sterling exchange market remained in the doldrums and in the absence of any showing of merchandise export bills, a slightly quieter feeling was in evidence. Sellers of spot T T on London for interbank transactions quoted 1s 5 63/64d. and buyers were quoting 1s 5d. Occasional business at race-course odds within this range was reported. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:—

Sellers of T T on London (spot and upto six months) ..... 1s 5 31/32d.

Buyers of T T on London (spot and upto six months) ..... 1s 6 1/32d.

In the New York market, the pound sterling lay fixed at 403.75 cents throughout the week.

GOLD: The decline which had set in in the local bullion market a fortnight ago, was arrested during the week under review and prices tended to improve and later stabilise. The quotation for spot gold, after declining from Rs. 45-12 to Rs. 45 earlier in the week, steadily hardened to Rs. 49 at the close. May settlement gold was quoted at even rates with spot. Demand for sovereigns was also in evidence and the quotation rose from Rs. 35 to Rs. 37-4 partly in sympathy with the rise in gold prices. Floating stocks of gold are estimated to be about 150,000 tolas: arrivals from upcountry are said to be about 5,000 tolas a day and the average daily offtake is better at 8,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 49 and Rs. 48 for spot and Rs. 48-8 and Rs. 45-2 for May settlement.

SILVER: The downward trend noticeable in the silver section of the local bullion market last week continued until Saturday, whereafter the market assumed a steadier tone on fair speculative demand. Opening at Rs. 76-12, spot silver of 999 fineness moved down to Rs. 74-12, but subsequently improved by stages to Rs. 82 at the close. Silver to be delivered in the May settlement was quoted at a discount of Rs. 4 1/4 to Rs. 5 under spot, whilst silver of .916 fineness was quoted Rs. 2 to Rs. 2 1/2 under the settlement rate. In London, the quotations for cash and forward silver remained static at 23 1/2d all through the week. Floating stocks in the market are estimated to be about 5,000 bars. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were: Rs. 82 and Rs. 74-12 for spot and Rs. 77-3 and Rs. 72-4 for May settlement.

SHARES.

In the absence of any fresh developments in the war situation in the Far East, the local stock market assumed a livelier tone and prices advanced in all sections. The broadcasts by the Governor of Bombay and the Commander-in-Chief had a reassuring effect on the market. The volume of turnover, however was restricted owing to the absence of a number of members from the floor.

Tata Deferreds gained well over 140 points to Rs. 1385, whilst Ordinaries were bid up from Rs. 225 to Rs. 260 at the finish. In the cotton mill section, Bombay Dyeings met with good demand, the quotation rising from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 1,060 at the close, whilst Centuries found buyers at Rs. 361 and Central Indias at Rs. 325. Kohinoors improved from Rs. 399 to Rs. 418, whilst Swadeshis were placed at Rs. 394. Bank and Public Utility shares showed a consistent rise on fair investment buying; Central Banks were quoted about 4 points higher at Rs. 41, whilst Reserve Banks gained from Rs. 92 to Rs. 96-8 at the end. Bank of Indias on the other hand, were static at Rs. 130 throughout. Imperial Bank Fully Paids were reported to have changed hands at Rs. 1,435 as compared with the opening level of Rs. 1,390, whilst Partly Paids were in request at Rs. 352-8. Andhra Valleys moved up from Rs. 1 445 to Rs. 1,452-8 and Bombay Trams from Rs. 122 to Rs. 129 on good demand, whilst Tata Powers and Tata Hydros were both firm at Rs. 151 and Rs. 1,350 respectively. In the miscellaneous section, however, prices remained stabilised barring a few exceptions; Associated Cements were steady at Rs. 157 and Belapurs at Rs. 221, whilst Bombay Burmas were a little more active around Rs. 225 Scindia Steams were a shade better at Rs. 17-10, whereas New Indias recorded a rise of over 3 points to Rs. 42-8.

Retail Food Stuffs Prices

Fair retail prices of several articles of foodstuffs in the Bombay City published by the Controller of Prices, Bombay, for the week beginning from Friday, the 24th April 1942.

	per paylee Rs. a. p.
Rice (Burma):	
Small Mill	0 10 0
Mandla	0 11 6
Rice Country: Jirasal:	
(Bhiwandi) No. 1 quality	0 15 0 to 1 1 0
(Bhiwandi) No. 3 quality	0 13 0 to 0 14 0
Patni	0 10 6
Jowar Sholapur Yellow	0 6 3
Bajri Cawnpore No. 1	0 6 9
Bajri Kalni Ordinary	0 7 0
Gram Banda	0 7 9
Gram Shahapura	0 8 9
Turdal Cawnpore Dry	0 12 0
Turdal Surti Oiled (Superior)	0 15 6
Masur Dal Superior	0 8 0
Chana Dal No. 1	0 11 6
	per lb.
Ghee Porbunder	0 15 0
Butter (Polsons)	1 6 0
Cocoanut Oil	0 4 0
Indian Sugar (large grain)	0 3 3
Groundnut Oil	0 3 3
Mutton (sheep) 1st class	0 5 0
Mutton (goat) 1st class	0 5 0
	per doz.
Eggs Hen's graded 'Agmark' Special	0 14 0
Eggs Hen's graded 'Agmark' A.	0 12 0
Eggs Hen's ungraded	0 10 0
	per lb.
Potatoes (Indian)	0 1 6
Onions	0 0 9
	2 boxes
Wimco Matches 50 sticks	0 1 0
Other Brands Matches 40 sticks	0 0 9
	per md.
Charcoal	0 11 0

Calcutta Stock Exchange

CALCUTTA, April 24.

The market ruled quiet steady and the volume of business was moderate. Government securities continued firm and unchanged.

Government securities: Three per cent Defence bonds 1946, 97/14 small lot; three and half per cent G. P. 88/5 small lot

Reserve Bank 93.

Miscellaneous: Indian copper 1/10, Indian iron 22/14, Steel Corpn. Ord 13/12, B. I. Corpn Ord 4/8, Midnapore Zemindary Pref 120.

Debenture: Five per cent 1928/58, Calcutta Municipal 111/8.

YARN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PUNJAB

LAHORE, April 24.

In pursuance of the conclusion reached at the fourth Price Control Conference with regard to the scheme for the supply of Yarn to handloom weavers, the Punjab Government have appointed Mr M. H. Mahmood to be Provincial Yarn Commissioner in the Punjab. A Committee consisting of officials and non-officials to be called the Provincial Yarn Advisory Committee has also been constituted to assist the Yarn Commissioner.—A. P.

BANK OF ENGLAND WEEKLY RETURN

London, April 23

	This week
Total bullions	£ 777,000
Public deposits	7,400,000
(a) Other deposits	179,700,000
Government securities	110,100,000
(b) Other securities	22,400,000
Notes, gold and silver coin	63,600,000
Notes in circulation	767,100,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	34.02 p.c.
(a) Other deposits include bankers	128,700,000
(b) Other securities include discounts and advances	8,600,000
Total deposits	187,100,000
Total securities	132,500,000

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay, April 24

Linseed May	8 11 3
Wheat May	7 9 9

WALL-STREET MARKET

London, April 23

Stock Exchange failed to maintain early increased activity but finished steady and rather higher on day. Kaffirs advanced widely on Cape support and home rails were stimulated by yesterday's good Government figures. Giltedged firmly held at slight advance. Oils inclined irregular with ultramar. Burmah losing sixteenth industrials quality steady. Mark Spencer meeting attention. Teas mixed showing while other Indian issues generally fully steady. Wall Street heavy.

Wheat Crop

The Department of Agriculture, Bombay, has issued the following third memorandum on the Wheat Crop of the Bombay Province (including Indian States) for the season 1941-42:—

On an average of five years ending 1939-40 the area under wheat in the territory to which this forecast relates has represented 6.2 per cent of the total area under the crop in whole India.

During the same period the ratio of irrigated wheat area to total wheat area in British Districts of the Bombay Province has averaged 11.3 per cent. The ratio this year is 12.8 per cent.

The figures for the year under report (i.e. 1941-42) shown in this forecast, relate to the wheat crop sown in October and November 1941.

(Estimates up to 20th March 1942)

Total Area.—The latest reports show the total area under irrigated and unirrigated wheat as noted below:—

	Bombay Province Acres
British Districts	1,566,000
Indian States	372,000
Total	1,938,000

2.9 and 11.9 per cent respectively below the corresponding area of the last year and the decennial average at the same date. As already stated in the previous reports, the area under the crop increased in North Gujarat, but decreased elsewhere in the Province due to deficient late rains.

Irrigated Area.—Out of the total area, 201,000 acres in British Districts and 138,000 acres in Indian States were irrigated.

Outturn.—As a result of the seasonal conditions described above, the estimated outturn of the crop in Gujarat may range between 49 and 75 per cent of the normal except in the Surat District where the unirrigated crop is expected to give only about 18 per cent of the normal. In the Deccan the crop may return from 67 to 83 per cent of the normal in the north, but in the southern parts of the Division the yield of the crop may range between 42 and 75 per cent of the normal. In the Karnatak, where most of the crop is grown without the help of irrigation, the outturn of the crop may fall between 50 and 58 per cent of the normal except in the Bijapur District where the dry crop may return only about 31 per cent of the normal. The outturn of the crop in Indian States should generally correspond to the yields likely to be secured in the neighbouring British tracts.

The total estimated outturn of the crop works out as stated below:—

	Bombay Province Tons.
British Districts	244,000
Indian States	90,000
Total	334,000

10.3 and 22.8 per cent respectively below the corresponding estimated outturn of the last year and the decennial average outturn at the same date.

Hapur Quotations

Hapur, April 23

Ready 8 Seers; Jeth 4/6/10 1/2; Highest 4/6/10 1/2; Lowest 4/4/9; Arrivals 3000 mds; extremely steady on bullish crop estimate report, published to-day. Yield estimated 99,32,000 tons. Ready wheat demand extremely heavy while arrivals slow

Madras Share Market

Madras, April 24.

The market ruled steady but quiet:—

Sarada Mill Ordy 95; Kalpettas 21; West Coast Ordy 5/12; Travancore sugar 11/4; Cambodia Ordy 10/8; C D Cochin Malabar 8/2; Peermade tea 28/10; South Madras 2nd Pref 11; Do Ordy 11/4; Rajagiri 7/14; X D Thirumbadi 1/15; Vellamattam 18/4; Jeypore sugar 10/8; Coimbatore cotton 140; X D Rajalakshmi Ordy 88; C D Sitharam Spg 71/4; Mlamallay Ordy 24/4; Vellamalai Ordy 16/4.

JAT PAT TORAK MANDAL ELECTIONS.

The annual elections of the Jat Pat Torak Mandal, Lahore, were held in the office of the Mandal and the following were elected office-bearers:

President:—Shri Sant Ram; Vice-presidents Dr. Jagannath and R. S. Lal Chand; Secretary, Shri Chandra Gupta Vidyalankar; Assistant Secretaries, Sjt. Indra Singh and Sjt. Govind Ram; Treasurer, Shriman Niranjan Nath.

Latest Commercial

COTTON

JULY

New York, April 24.

Previous closing	19.53
To-day's opening	19.52
Difference	—.01
To-day's closing	not received

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, April 24.

Following are the New York opening ranges:—

May	(19.48/48) 19.29/29
July	(19.66/65) 19.63/62
October	(19.83/83) 19.56/65

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London April 24.

SEEDS

Castorseed Bombay April/May (£20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers

Linseed Calcutta April/May (£19 1/2 nominal) £19 1/4 nominal

Linseed La Plata April/May (£20 1/2 quoted) £20 1/2 quoted

Groundnuts Coromandal April/May (East Coast India shipment not quoted £20 1/4 West Coast India shipment) £20 1/4 sellers

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62

Lead (£25) £25

Glasgow Iron No 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.

T T NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York April 24.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	4.03 3/4

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London April 24.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers.
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 sellers; 4.03 1/2 buyers

LONDON BULLION.

London April 24

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER

London April 24

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-6 31/32 buyers) 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers

New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.

4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.

6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, April 24.

The New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

General Motors (dol 34 1/4) dol 33

Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 24 1/2) dol 24 1/8

United States Steel Commons (dol 47 1/4 dol 46 3/4

United States Steel Preference (unquoted)

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London April 24.

The Stock Exchange was steady to-day.

3% PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London, April 24.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 7/32

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

London, April 24

5 per cent 1958/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £83 1/16

3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 11/16

2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 15/16

4 per cent Funding Loan £114 5/16

3 1/3 per cent War Loan £106 5/16

3 per cent War Loan £100 1/2

4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 7/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 17-1 1/2

Marks and Spencer Ordinary 38-3

Electric Music Industry 14-3

Princhin Johnson 20-4 1/2

Imperial Chemical 33-6

Woolsworth Ordinary 51-3

San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £76 1/2

Dundee 24-10 1/2

Unilever Ordinary 25-0

Ford Motors 24-6

Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £51 3/4

British American Tobacco Ordinary £3 17/32

Carreas 'A' £5 1/8

Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 3/32

P and O Defd 27-10 1/2

Distillers 74-6

Bredfords Dyes 7-1 1/2

British Celanese 7-0

J and P Coates 34-7 1/2

Courtaulds Ordinary 32-9

Fine Cotton Spinners 7-1 1/2

Vickers Limited Ordinary 16-5

Inter Nickel dol 40 1/8

Indian Iron 31-10 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam 10-7 1/2

Donaro Tea 18-9

Empire of India 11-3

JUTE

Barnagore £5 nominal

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 8-6

Gula Kelampong 8-1 1/2

Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 11-6

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 15-6

Burma Corporation 3-1 1/2

Rio Tintos £7 3/4

East Rand Properties £1 13/16

Rand Mines £6 1/8

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 5/8

Associated Portland Cement 45-0

Trinidad Leasehold 67-6

Sub-Nigel £5 7/8

Spring Mines Split Share £0 31/32

Unfon Corporation 122-6

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 36-10 1/2

Anglo-India 38-9

Burma Oil £1 1/2

Mexican Eagle 11-3

Shell Transport £1 31/32

Royal Dutch £14 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £42

London Midland Ordinary £19 3/8

London North Eastern Defd £2

London Southern Defd £15 3/4

London Transport 5 per cent £130 1/2

London Transport "C" £40 1/2

Third Forecast Of Wheat Crop For 1941-'42

LUCKNOW, April 24.

The third forecast of wheat crop for the year 1941-42 shows that the total area under wheat sown unmixed and sown mixed with barley and gram, amounts to 7,793,219 areas against 7,935,235 acres revised last year (both including 148,461 acres conventionally estimated area) showing a decrease of 152,036 acres or 1.9 per cent. Taken as a whole the outturn is estimated at 78 per cent of the "normal", the average of the percentages reported in the last ten years being 79.

The yield of wheat sown alone and that sown mixed with barley and gram is at present estimated at 2,704,000 tons against 2,825,000 tons revised last year (both including 52,000 tons conventionally estimated outturn), showing a decrease of 121,000 tons or 4.3 per cent. The area and estimated yield of wheat grown in the Rampur State are 128,369 acres and 49,000 tons respectively.—A. P.

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, April 24

Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 94 0 0
Copper sheets	Rs. 112 0 0

Tone:—Steady.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

Poona, April 24

The following are the maximum and minimum temperature upto 8 a.m. on 24th April 1942:—

Calcutta nil; Cuttack nil; Ranchi nil; Patna 103 75; Lucknow 109 72; Delhi 107 74; Lahore 103 68; Srinagar 78 49; Peshawar 85 65; Karachi 85 76; Nagpur 110 83; Kodaikanal 69 52; Bombay 90 79; Poona 106 72; Hyderabad (Dn.) 106 80; Bangalore 97 73; Madras 94 81; Shillong nil; Darjeeling nil; Mussoorie 76 68; Simla 74 59; Pachmarhi 100 64; Mahableshwar 94 66; Ootacamund 72 55.—A.P.

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City And Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Vaishakh Shud 9. 1998
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Akber 8. 1361
Parsi: Avan 23. 1311
Sunrise: 6-16 a.m. sunset: 6-57 p.m.
Hightide: 6-32, 19-38, Lowtide: 1-25, 12-47

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-45, 6 and 9 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow 11-30
LAMINGTON:—"Malan" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 Matinee: to-day and to-morrow 1 p.m.
REGAL—"I Wake Up Screaming" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
METRO—"Tarzan's Secret Treasure" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Kit Garson" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
NEW WEST-END—"Khandaan" 2-30, 5-45 and 8-45 Matinee, to-day and to-morrow 11-15 a.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Khandaan" 3, 6-15 and 9-30
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow 1 p.m
AURORA—"Down Argentine Way" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"Kitty Foyle" 4, 6-30 and 10
EDWARD—"Sapera" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Pyas" 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow 1-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Khilauna" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee: to-morrow 12-45 noon.
BROADWAY—"Bandhan" 4-15 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow 1-30
KOHINOOR—"Amrit" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow 1-30
NOVELTY—"Society" 3, 6 and 9 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow 1 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Nirdosh" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
SUPER—"The Return of Toofan Mail" 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Pahila Palna" 3-30 6-15 and 9 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow 1 p.m.
PLAZA—"Anjan" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow 1-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Kirti" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow 1 p.m.
ROXI—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee: to-morrow 11 a.m.
PRAKASH—"Mud" 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee: to-day and to-morrow 1 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 and 9 p.m Matinee: to-day and to-morrow 12 noon.

BOMBAY KERALEEYA SAMAJ: The free Hindi Class organised by the Bombay Keraleeya Samaj will commence to-day (Saturday), at 8-30 p.m. at the Samaj office, Sushil Terrace, 1st lane, Hindu Colony, Dadar (G.I.P.)

MATHEMATICS: A lecture by His Holiness Sree Sankaracharya of Puri on Mathematics—Vedic and Modern (with blackboard demonstration) will be given at 5 p.m. to-day (Saturday) and to-morrow (Sunday), at Asthika Samaj Hall, Matunga.

BAND AT VICTORIA GARDENS: Under the Directorship of Mr. M.A. Divecha, the Albless Orchestra Jazz Band will play a programme of Music at the Victoria Gardens, Byculla-Bombay, to-day (Saturday), from 6 to 8 p.m. (S.T.).

INDIAN LEADERS: That "Indian Leaders Have No Sense Of Realism" will be the subject of a public debate in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge to-day (Saturday), at 6-15 p.m. Mr. R. K. Karanjia will preside. Mr. Mohan Nadkarni will propose and Mr. G. K. Deshpande Advocate will oppose.

RAMAKRISHNA ASHRAM DADAR: Swami Gouriswaranada will give a religious discourse on The Last Message of Krishna and Uddhava from Bhagwatam to-day (Saturday), at 5-40 p.m. in the Ashram Premises, 54, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar (B.B. & C.I. Rly).

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"C" WARD PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER BRIGADE: A meeting of the volunteers of Circle No. 4 will be held to-day (Saturday), at 9 p.m. at Keshave Bag Princess Street. All volunteers are requested to be present at the meeting as the enrolled volunteers are to be divided into five troops as under:— (1) Patrolling (2) Fire-fighting, (3) Cycle-messengers, (4) A.R.P. and (5) First-aid Post.

A.R.P. LECTURE: A lecture with demonstration of A.R.P. films has been arranged at Government Welfare Centre, B.D.D. Chawls, Worli to-day (Saturday), at 7 p.m. for the benefit of the A.R.P. Personnel and those interested.

A.R.P. CLASS: An A.R.P. class will be opened under the presidentship of Sjt. Ganpatishanker N. Desai at 2 p.m. to-day (Saturday). Mr. Fakirchand Shah and Mr. Sunderdas Morarji will conduct the class.

RESCUE COMMITTEE'S MEETING: A meeting of the Rescue Committee of the P.V.B will be held to-day (Saturday), at 5 p.m. (S.T.) at the P.V.B. Head-quarters.

FLAG SALUTATION AT CONGRESS HOUSE: Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, the Monthly Flag-Salutation Ceremony will be held to-morrow (Sunday), at 8 a.m. (S.T.), at the Congress House when Shri Nagindas T. Master, Vice-President, B.P.C.C. will unfurl the National Flag. All the volunteers of the different centres of the Bombay Seva Dal are required to be present at 7 a.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House in Seva Dal Uniform.

DOCKYARD LABOUR UNION. A meeting of the Strike Committee of the Mazagon Dock Workers appointed by the Dockyard Labour Union will be held to-day (Saturday), at 6 p.m (S.T.) in the Office of the Union to consider the letter received from Messrs. Mackinon Mackenzie and Co., offering modified terms of the demands of the Union.

THE SUBURBAN MUSIC CIRCLE: A concert of the above will be held to-morrow (Sunday), at 8 a.m. (S.T.) in the Vimalanand Koppikar Hall, when Aftabe-Musiqui Ustad Khan Saheb Fyaz Khan of Baroda will entertain the members to vocal music.

BOMBAY SPIRITUAL CENTRE: Under the auspices of the above, there will be an interesting talk by Sri Sadanand Saraswathiji on "The worship of God" to-morrow (Sunday), at 4 p.m. in the premises of the Centre.

INDIAN SPIRITUALIST SOCIETY. Under the auspices of the Society there will be discourse on 'Life after Death' and seances to-morrow (Sunday), at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) at 51, Gordhandas Budg., Opp. Girgaum, Portuguese Church, Girgaum.

DR. B. G. WAD FOR UNIVERSITY: Dr. B. G. Wad, is seeking re-election to the Senate of the Bombay University on behalf of the graduates. Dr. Wad's work is particularly noteworthy in connection with the starting of the military training diploma in the Bombay University Senate.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS' ASSOCIATION: "Extracrdinary special meeting of Municipal employees under the auspices of the Bombay Municipal Officials' Association the Bombay Municipal Executive Staff Union, the K. E. M. Hospital and G. S. M. College Employees' Union and the Bombay Municipal Peons' and Lascars' Union will be held to-day (Saturday), at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) in the Corporation Hall to consider the various issues created by war."

TRIBUTES TO DR. SHIRODKAR

Address And Purse Presented

A large gathering was present at the Parel High School last Sunday on the occasion of presenting an address and offering a purse to Dr. R. K. Shirodkar Ex-Chairman of the Municipal Schools Committee for his various social and educational acrivities, when the Hon. Mr. M. M. Pakwasa, the President of Bombay Legislative Council, presided.

The President while presenting the address and the purse pointed out that the idea of a Residential High School struck him very much. He expressed his gratification at the social work that Dr. Shirodkar was doing for the upliftment and amelioration of the poor workers. He concluded that Dr. Shirodkar's was a life dedicated to the public cause which involved life-long service, and sacrifice. He then presented a welcome address and a purse containing an amount of Rs. 2500.

Mr. Nagindas Master explained the importance of such institutions in the Mill area. Mr. A. A. Gole said that Dr. Shirodkar would still open many other schools in different localities to educate the children of the workers Mr. Raut said that he was quite confident that Dr Shirodkar would work miracles by means of his great driving power.

Mr. S. K. Patil traced the history of the Parel High School and described how he came in contact with Dr. Shirodkar. He brought to the notice of the audience that Dr. Shirodkar was trying his best to spread education among the masses

Dr. Shirodkar thanked all who had gathered there and those who had contributed to the purse and explained his own scheme of utilising the money he received. He said that he would add his own amount of Rs. 11,000 to the amount of Rs. 2500 and that he would give a prize of Rs. 500 to the best and sincerest teacher in the High School every year. The function ended with thanksgiving to the President and the guests.

V. J. T. Institute Exams. Postponed

The Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, in a Press Note, states:—

Owing to unavoidable circumstances, the City and Guilds of London Institute Technological Examinations to be held at the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Matunga, Bombay, are postponed until further notice.

MUSICAL ART SOCIETY: Master Krishna, the well-known Indian musician will give a concert of vocal music at Wagle Hall, Kandewadi to-morrow (Sunday), at 8-30 a.m.

CHETTY'S BROADCAST—Sir Shanmukham Chetty, will broadcast from All-India Radio, Delhi, on Monday (April 27), at 8-30 p.m. on the work of the Indian Purchasing Mission in the United States.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS
The Governor of Bombay visited the Fire Salvage Corps Station and A.R.P. Depots on Friday.

Lt. Harischandra Sammanwar of Nagpur and Miss Anasuya Nadkarni of Bombay whose interceste wedding took place recently.

GLOBE CYCLISTS TO SEE GUJERATI DRAMA

Presentation Of Cups

Among the various functions that are being arranged for the reception of the Indian globe cyclists, Messrs. Kharas, Gandhi and Shroff, one that deserves particular mention will be held in their honour to-morrow (Sunday), afternoon, at the Baliwala Theatre, Tardeo where they will have a chance, after the lapse of nine years, to see a Gujerati drama enacted by their countrymen, viz., "Civil Marriage", written by "Phirozger". The guests of honour will be presented with cups specially made to order, by Major Bamji, on behalf of Mr. Dorabji, proprietor of the New Baliwala Dramatics. In order to give chance to sportsmen to welcome their hero, the prices have been reduced, and the Company is requisitioning the services of all its star actors and actresses, including Moonibai. It is hoped sportsmen will rally in large number to welcome their hero.

Thana Primary Teachers' Plight

(From A Correspondent.)

THANA, April 23.

Primary teachers of the Thana District School Board have not yet received their salaries for the month of March and they do not hope to receive it before the 30th of this month

This delay in the payment of salary has caused great discontent among this low paid staff of Primary Teachers. Poor teachers are not able to obtain credit in the market and their families are suffering great hardships.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS: "The Jt. Secretary writes:—All the members and the recruits are required to be present in full uniform at the Congress House, at 7 a.m. to-morrow (Sunday), to attend the Flag Salutation The Monthly Managing Committee Meeting will be held after the above Function".

"SENTINEL" BAN AND FIRING ON DOCK WORKERS

To-day's Public Meeting

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee there will be a public meeting to-day (Saturday), at 6 p.m. (S.T.), in the Compound of the Congress House, to pass a resolution demanding an independent non-official inquiry into the Police Firing in the R.I.N. Docks on Tuesday last and for protesting against the summary suppression of the "Bombay Sentinel" for 30 days Shri Bhulabhai J. Desai, President of the B.P.C.C. will preside at the meeting and Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, Messrs. S. A. Brelvi, B. G. Horniman N. M Joshi, R. K. Karanjia and other prominent leaders will address.

Several public Bodies including the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress, the Civil Liberties Union, the Independent Labour Party, the Congress Socialist Party, the Progressive Group, the Nationalist Christian Party, the Bombay Suburban Students' Union, the Fort Students' Union, the Bombay Students' Union, the Bombay Municipal Kamgar Sangh, the Youngmen Zoroastrian Association, the Best Traffic Union and the Bombay City and Suburban Motor Car Drivers' Union have joined their auspices with the B.P.C.C. in calling this meeting. Loud-speakers will be installed at the meeting.

Walkout In Thana Municipality

(From A Correspondent.)

THANA, April 23.

Yesterday evening a tense atmosphere was witnessed in the meeting of the General Board of the Thana Municipality. The incident arose out of some remarks of Mr. K. R. Godbole, a Municipal Councillor. The Board was considering certain scheme to protect the life and property of the citizens of Thana, from the danger of possible enemy action. While moving his own amendment to omit some words from Mr. R. L. Rede's amendment, Mr. Godbole made some remarks

Mr. P. M Sombar Municipal President asked him to withdraw those remarks but Mr. Godbole refused to do so. Mr. J. B. Patil moved to adjourn the meeting till 28th as a mark of protest against the remarks of Mr. Godbole, Mr. G. B. Walawalkar raised a point of order on the ground that Mr. Patil's resolution was altogether a new item and as such it could not be discussed in that meeting the President ruled out this point of order. Thereon Sjt. Walawalkar and seven others staged a walk-out. Mr. Patil's motion of adjournment, condemning the words of Mr. Goodbole was put to vote. Thirteen voted for the motion, five remained neutral and the meeting was adjourned till 28th of April.

A NEW ADVOCATE.

A Surat correspondent writes: "Their Lordships of the High Court of Bombay have been pleased to appoint Mr. Vafiuddin S. Kazi, Assistant Government Pleader and Assistant Public Prosecutor, Surat to be Advocate of the Original Side."

ON THE AIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 25.

Delhi I—Programme.

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

4-30 p.m. For Indian troops. 5 Hirabai. 5-20 Hanuman Prasad. 5-35 Munni. 6-25 Maqsood Anwar. 6-30 Gayak 6-50 Vilayat Husain. 7 Hirabai. 7-15 Raftar-e-Zamana. 7-30 War inquiry. 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 Dhoi Ka Pol. 8-45 Munni 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 The Chinese Scene. 4. 9-55 Listening post. 10 Buddha. 10-35 Munni.

Bombay I—Programme.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Delhi 2 7-50 News in Hindustani. 8 News in English 8-10 to 8-50 As in Delhi 2. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 to 9-20 As in Delhi 2 9-20 A. R. P. Talk.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

12 noon to 12-57 p.m. As in Delhi 2. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 2. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2.

Bombay II—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
From 7-30 p.m. Bombay will operate on 60.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 p.m. To-morrow. 5 to 5 25 Kharadkar. 5-25 G. S. Yellapurlear 5-40 News in Maathi 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 Violin Recital. 6 News in English 6-10 Counter-attack. 6-15 News in Hindustani. 6-25 Local news and announcements 6-30 Local news and announcements. 6-35 Children's half-hour. 7-5 Indian music. 7 15 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 to 8 As in Delhi. 2. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati 8-30 Dhoi Ka Pol. 8-45. As in Delhi 1. 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C News relay. 9-45 to 9-55 As in Delhi 2 9-55 Listening post. 10 to 10-45 As in Delhi 2.

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NOT THE RIGHT WAY

The Madras Congress Legislature Party has adopted two resolutions urging the All-India Congress Committee to make some radical changes in the present policy of the Congress in view of the imminent danger of invasion by an enemy power So far as its resolution about Coalition Ministry for Madras is concerned, our view is that if the A.I.C.C. accepts the principle of return to office in the present crisis, it must apply it to all Congress Provinces The other resolution asks the A. I. C. C "to acknowledge the Muslim League's claim for separation should the same be persisted in when the time comes for framing a constitution for India and thereby remove all doubts and fears in this regard, and to invite the Muslim League for a consultation for the purpose of arriving at an agreement and securing the installation of a National Government to meet the present emergency." Resolutions which have the support of so eminent a Congress leader as Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar, who has played an important role in shaping the course of Congress policy, and a large number of members of the Madras Legislature demand careful consideration. Before discussing the merits of the resolution about Pakistan it is desirable to know clearly the Congress attitude on this question so far and some other relevant facts. The Congress as a body has not committed itself to any particular opinion on any scheme of Pakistan for the simple reason that no definite scheme has so far been adopted by the Muslim League or submitted to the Congress. The Lahore resolution of the League only demands that the Muslim majority provinces must be recognised as sovereign States. The position of the minorities in Pakistan, as of the Muslims in the rest of India, the question of Defence and such other vital problems on which the merits of any scheme of separation depend have not been at all solved. A Committee was appointed by the League to settle these questions and prepare at least an outline scheme of Pakistan. But nothing came of this evidently because even the essential details of any separation scheme were found to be too intricate for any settlement. The League has, therefore, been demanding the recognition of only the principle of Pakistan and the theory of the Muslims being a separate nation. Only after this is done, Mr. Jinnah says, will the details of the scheme we worked out though only the knowledge of essential details can enable anyone to pronounce any opinion on any such scheme. Thus it is mainly because no definite scheme has been formulated that the Congress has refrained from expressing an opinion on it.

Gandhiji On "Vivisection"

But many Congress leaders have often and often pointed out the danger of the very principle of partitioning the country. To take only one instance, Gandhiji stated in September 1940:

"India is a poor country full of Hindus and Mussalmans and others staying in every corner of it. To divide it into two is worse than anarchy. It is vivisection, which cannot be tolerated, not because I am a Hindu, for I am speaking from this platform as representative of Hindus, Muslims, Parsis and all else. But I will say to them, 'Vivisect me before you vivisect India."

Gandhiji also stated on another occasion:

"As a man of non-violence I cannot forcibly resist the proposed partition if the Muslims of India really insist upon it. But I can never be a willing party to the vivisection I would employ every non-violent means to prevent it. For it means the undoing of centuries of work done by numberless Hindus and Muslims to live together as one nation. My whole soul rebels against the idea that Hinduism and Islam represent two antagonistic cultures and doctrines... I must rebel against the idea that millions of Indians who were Hindus the other day changed their nationality on adopting Islam as their religion."

Working Committee's Resolution

The final resolution of the Congress Working Committee on the Cripps' proposals also indicates Congress opposition to their tendency to partition India Says the resolution "inter alia:"

"The acceptance beforehand of the novel principle of non-accession for a province is also a severe blow to the conception of Indian unity and an apple of discord likely to generate growing trouble in the provinces, and which may well lead to further difficulties in the way of the Indian States merging themselves in the Indian Union. The Congress has been wedded to Indian freedom and unity and any break in that unity, especially in the modern world when people's minds inevitably think in terms of ever larger federations would be injurious to all concerned and exceedingly painful to contemplate."

It is true that the same resolution reiterates the standing assurance of the Congress that it "cannot think in terms of compelling the people in any territorial unit to remain in an Indian Union against their declared and established will." But the resolution qualifies this principle by adding:

"While recognising this principle, the Committee feel that every effort should be made to create conditions which would help the different units in developing a common and co-operative national life. The acceptance of the principle inevitably involves that no changes should be made which result in fresh problems being created and compulsion being exercised on other substantial groups within that area. Each territorial unit should have the fullest possible autonomy within the Union, consistently with a strong national state. The proposal now made on the part of the British War Cabinet encourages and will lead to attempts at separation at the very inception of a union and thus create friction just when the utmost co-operation and goodwill are most needed."

These objections apply with greater force to the League's Pakistan scheme which is less acceptable than the Cripps' proposals about Provinces' right to non-accession. It is unnecessary to quote the opinions of prominent leaders of the Liberal Federation, the Hindu Mahasabha and Sikh Associations to show that all these bodies are at least as uncompromising in their opposition to Pakistan as Gandhiji and other Congress leaders are. It is also well known that pretty considerable sections of the Muslim community itself, including Momins, Shias and Nationalist Muslims, have stoutly opposed Pakistan.

The Better Way

In these circumstances it is certainly surprising that the Madras Congress Legislature Party should have straightway committed itself to the scheme of Pakistan before even ascertaining its important details. It is true that the Party only proposes to "acknowledge the Muslim League's claim for separation should the same be persisted in when the time comes for framing a constitution for India", evidently expecting that if this is done it will so help communal unity as to make a truly National Government possible or even inevitable. It also expects that once National Governments are established both at the Centre and in the provinces, such a favourable atmosphere of communal harmony will be created that a Constituent Assembly will be able to frame a Constitution for a free and united India without the Muslims feeling the need for raising the issue of Pakistan. But Pakistan, assuming it is desirable for the Muslims, can only come with the willing consent of Hindus and as things are, the concession proposed by Madras legislators will cause more communal bitterness in the country and sharp differences in the Congress itself on this issue. Indeed, because of this the Congress waived all its claims about the future in the negotiations with Sir Stafford Cripps and confined itself to proposals about immediate changes. And it has been made abundantly clear that the negotiations broke down, not because of any difficulty with the League, but because Sir Stafford would not agree to a real National Government. The anxiety of the Madras legislators for a settlement is doubtless commendable. But they have not gone the right way about it. The terms they suggest do harm to the country while the return for them is only problematical as the British Government has never agreed to instal a true National Government if there is joint demand for it by the Congress and the League. Perhaps the Madras legislators will object that Mr. Jinnah has refused to consider any present adjustment unless the principle of Pakistan is first conceded. But we do not think the objection is tenable. What Mr. Jinnah said only a few days ago on this point is as follows: "So long as the Pakistan demand is not agreed to, we cannot agree to any present adjustment which will in any way militate against or prejudge the Pakistan demand. The demand of the Congress as explained by Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru to the Press Conference and as disclosed in the correspondence with Sir Stafford Cripps does definitely prejudge and militate against the Pakistan demand and is, therefore, unacceptable to us." Note that Mr. Jinnah does not say that in the absence of an agreement about Pakistan he will reject all proposals about present adjustments. He would reject such adjustments as might prejudice his future claim to Pakistan. If the proposals he mentions fall under this category, it should be possible to devise others that in no way prejudice any party's ultimate aims. Unless a better scheme is devised let there be an interim National Government by convention only, with the clear understanding that it will continue only until the Constituent Assembly formulates the final Constitution We cannot imagine any ground on which Mr. Jinnah should object to such a proposal. Even if he should object, alternative proposals can be devised to make the defence of India more effective. But the Madras proposal will not help defence but will sow seeds of trouble in the future.

Duty Of A. I. C. C.

But it is not enough or statesmanlike to be content with mere rejection of the proposal. It is necessary to understand why the proposal has been made in order that we may be able to substitute it by a better one. The patriotic motive of the Madras legislators must be appreciated. It is foolish to say that Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar has stabbed the Congress in the back, that he is raising a revolt against it or that he and his colleagues are so greedy of office that they are prepared to sell the unity and integrity of the country for a mess of pottage. We do not agree with them but we have no doubt that they are actuated by the highest patriotic motives. They realize that the country is facing the gravest crisis in its history—a foreign invasion—a crisis graver than a civil war that may conceivably settle the Pakistan question in a free India. In the face of such a crisis they believe that "it is absolutely and urgently necessary in the best interests of the country to do all that Congress can possibly do to remove every obstacle in the way of the establishment of a National Administration." The greatest obstacle is, of course, the refusal of the British Government to part with power. But who can deny that the Hindu-Muslim differences are also a most formidable obstacle? On this communal question the Congress and the League can no longer continue their present respective policies of drift and obstinacy. These policies must be replaced by constructive effort to bridge the gulf between the Congress and the League. The League and Mr. Jinnah are irreconcilable except on their own terms. But it is not enough for the Congress to dismiss them with the complacent thought that they are irreconcilable and that, therefore, nothing can be done. The Congress must ascertain why they have taken up such an attitude. The Congress rightly claims to represent the Indian Nation—that is Muslims as well as Hindus and other communities. It, cannot, therefore, shirk its responsibility of bringing about a Hindu-Muslim settlement without delay. It cannot content itself with merely saying that the occasion is not propitious. Pakistan is to be rejected, But alternative and constructive proposals must be produced so to satisfy the vast majority of Muslims as to induce them to abandon the desire for Pakistan. It would be unstatesmanlike for the Congress not to explore alternative schemes or schemes in the absence of which the lure of Pakistan is becoming every day irresistible for growing number of Muslims. The Madras proposal has shocked and stunned many Congressmen. But Congressmen needed a shock to awaken them to the urgent and paramount need of spending time and thought in devising a scheme of Communal settlement that, while satisfying the Muslims, will preserve the unity and integrity of India. If, as a result of the proposal of the Madras legislators, the A. I. C. C. devotes time and thought to the accomplishment of this patriotic task —as in our opinion it must—a great national service will have been rendered by Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar and his colleagues.

REMEMBER THE PLEDGES

Col. Johnson's broadcast appeal to Indians to co-operate wholeheartedly with the United States in fighting against the common enemy is remarkable for its eloquence and earnestness. One cannot fail to be touched by his solemn assurance on behalf of the President of the United States when he says: 'We propose to bring to the problem of the eventual peace, no less than to the battlegrounds of the immediate war, our aroused conscience, our highest resolves, our loftiest ideals. To the successful prosecution of the war, and to the perfection of a noble peace, I pledge you the most earnest efforts of the United States and of their great leader, and to those high ends we have dedicated our lives. Our fortunes and our sacred honour." As regards India's co-operation in the war, in her own interests and also for the cause of freedom and democracy she is making every possible war effort. If it is not as effective as that of the Allies like China or Russia or the United States it is only because she is not free like them. Col. Johnson's assurances on behalf of his country about post-war reconstruction in India are not as precise as India might wish them to be or as they might have been. But we can appreciate his diplomatic difficulties. And, after all, India will have to rely on herself most in safeguarding her interests. One can only hope that the Allies will not forget after the war the pledges they give in face of common perils and that the history of the last war will not be repeated.

Frankly Speaking

Libyan Stalemate

Communiques from both sides report little change in the stalemate on the Cyrenaican front But it was stated authoritatively in London on Thursday that "slightly increased patrol activity is taking place in Libya." It is also noticeable that the R. A. F. headquarters has reported extensive day and night operations from the forward Axis lines to Gedabya. It is not clear whether this is one of those spasms of activity which dies down soon after or whether it is something more considerable. Nor, if the latter is the case is it clear whether the outbreak of energy represents the preliminaries of a British offensive or a defensive response to an Axis offensive. But it is time that the British Eighth Army got active in reply to the challenge of M. Laval and of the Luftwaffe's renewed assaults on Malta.

The Mystery Deepens

Questioned about the significance of recent Japanese air activity over China, a Chungking spokesman had replied that the Japanese apparently feared that Allied aircraft were using Chinese airfields to bomb Japan. But, the spokesman also pointed out, the Japanese themselves claim that extensive reconnaissance has failed to discover any such planes on Chinese airfields. The mystery of the bombing of Japan has deepened because of the studied silence of Chungking and Washington who both continue to decline to accept credit for it. Is it the intention to keep Tokyo guessing and thus worry its nerves or did the planes and their bombs drop over Japanese cities out of the sky in more than one sense?

Sensational Tribute

Lord Beaverbrook is nothing if not overwhelming. During his whole life he has behaved sensationally As the proprietor of the "Daily Express" and its allied papers he spent years in shrieking and shouting at Russia and Bolshevism. He was also a friend of Germany and the Nazis. Then came the war and he responded to the call of duty in overwhelming fashion. But that is not all. He is now responding to the call of Russia—sensationally. The erstwhile crusader against Russia and communism has just spoken in the following staggering strain: "Communism under M. Stalin has produced a most valiant fighting nation in Europe. Communism under M. Stalin has provided us with examples of patriotism equal to the finest in annals of history.." This salute to M. Stalin, Communism and the people of Russia will disturb a great many of Lord Beaverbrook's friends and fans for its categorical terms. But we heartily welcome it because the tribute of the impulsive Lord is no more than what the recipients deserve.

Highly Significant

But Lord Beaverbrook went further. He did not content himself with praise of Russia. He demanded a British offensive in the west to support M. Stalin in the east. There are two points of immense significance about this call for a second European front. This comes from a man who is notorious as having always thought and acted in terms almost exclusively of the defence and interests of Britain. It also comes from a man who is in the unique position of knowing everything about the possibilities and resources of Britain and America and the situation in Russia. Such a man would never make this forthright demand unless he was sure that the invasion of Western Europe, to coincide with the German offensive in Russia, was possible and necessary.

Burma Front

News from Burma is again depressing. For a week or so, the Allied forces, fighting furiously, succeeded in more or less holding the Japanese advance. But since they dispose superiority in numbers, among other things, the Japanese have managed to throw in fresh reinforcement as a result of which both the British and Chinese have had to renew their withdrawal practically in all sectors. The Chinese are particularly hard pressed on their left flank and some of their troops were in danger of being trapped. They have succeeded in breaking through the cordon. But the general situation is far from satisfactory and the main question now is: Where will the Japanese be halted by the monsoon? It appears that Allied resources are not sufficient to stop the Japanese on the right side of Mandalay and the line to Lashio.

A LETTER FROM CHUNGKING

General Stillwell's Appointment—His Opinion Of The Chinese Soldier—Growing Interest In India And Mid-East Countries—"Charkha" Gandhiji Gave Madam Chiang—Treaty With Iraq

At his first press conference held in Chungking on March 20, Gen. Stillwell paid a glowing tribute to China's soldiers. "Nobody can lick them if they are given proper supplies and equipment, "he said. Regarding American war supplies for Chinese troops, he said: "Everything China needs to help her war effort will be furnished with the least possible delay." He also said that the U. S. would prosecute the war until the Allied troops entered Tokyo. "The happiest days of our lives will be the day when we see American and Chinese troops in Tokyo together," he observed.

Gen. Stillwell first came to China in 1920. From 1935 to 1939 he was Military Attache in the U. S. Embassy in China. Much of his time from July, 1937, onwards was spent with the Chinese armies in the field.

"INDIA DAY" IN CHUNGKING

The past few days have been marked by a number of events which show the growing interest of the people of China in India and the countries of Southern Asia.

India's celebration of "China's Day" was well received in China and had its counterpart in Chungking when an "India Day" was observed by various cultural organisations.

A mass meeting was held at the New Life Centre at which Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Secretary-General of the Supreme National Defence Council, and Mr. Chang Tao-fan, Director of the Kuomintang Cultural Mobilization Committee, who accompanied Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek on his trip to India, spoke on India. Mr. Hung Lan-yu, Vice-Minister of Social Welfare, also spoke on his troops' comfort mission in Burma and Yunnan.

A three-day pictorial exhibition covering the Generalissimo's visit to India was held in Chungking on March 16, 17 and 18. It drew tremendous crowds.

MESSAGE FROM CHINA'S WRITERS

On the eve of "India Day," China's literary men sent a message to Indian literary circles urging co-ordination in the common war of words against the Japanese aggressors. They pointed out that Sino-Indian cultural relations dated back to the Han and Tang dynasties. Now that the Japanese East Asia co-slavery plan was threatening India, it was high time for Indian men of letters to join hands with the Chinese in a common effort to resist the onslaught of barbarism. Only when Japan was crushed could the lamps of Chinese and Indian culture be kept burning with renewed brilliance.

The news of the China-India Friendship Day, celebrated in New York on March 15, was received with enthusiasm in Chungking. It was felt that the speeches of the Chinese Ambassador, Hu Shih, and the Indian Representative, Sir Shanmukham Chetty, and of the famous novelist Miss Pearl Buck reflected the growing comradeship of Chinese and Indians.

MADAME CHIANG'S "CHARKHA"

At a tea given on March 19 at Chungking's Chialing House in honour of Madame Chiang Kai-shek by various women's organisations, China's first lady spoke of her impressions of India. She expressed her admiration for the spirit of the Indian people and for Mahatma Gandhi and showed the audience the 'charkha' presented to her by the Mahatma. She also spoke of her high regard for the women of India and their efforts to improve the lot of their people.

On the same day President Chu Cheng of the Chinese Judicial Yuan sent a message of greetings on behalf of the Chinese Judiciary to Sir Maurice Gwyer, Chief Justice of India, and his fellow Judges. The head of the Chinese judiciary expressed the hope that relations between China and India would become even more cordial and affirmed his conviction that final victory would belong to the United Nations.

TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP WITH IRAQ

Further progress in the movement for closer relations between China and the countries of the Near and Middle East is evidenced by the announcement that Dr. Chang Peng-chun, Chinese Minister to Turkey, has concluded on behalf of China a treaty of friendship with Iraq. In his reply to a message of goodwill from General Nuri Said, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Iraq, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek observes: "It is my firm conviction that this treaty will further cement the good relations between our two countries. I greatly appreciate and feel sure that right and justice being on our side, we shall come out victorious in the present struggle."

Suspension Of "Sentinel"

Mr. K. F. Nariman, M.L.A. writes:

The application of Defence of India Rules to suspend the 'Bombay Sentinel' is the most recent and most glaring instance of gross abuse of drastic and emergency War-measures. The 'Bombay Sentinel' has been, almost since the commencement of the war, one of the staunchest and most consistent advocate of vigorous war-efforts and wholehearted war-measures; it has often criticised and condemned, both local bureaucrats and imperialists statesmen and diplomats, for not doing enough to achieve the ultimate victory; it is ridiculous in the extreme to charge such a cent per cent pro-war-journal 'with doing any act prejudicial to prosecution of war or endanger the safety of the State.'

By suspending such an active and enthusiastic war-supporter the Local Government has virtually suspended 'truth' and in effect obstructed war-efforts

So far as the journal and editorial staff are concerned, it has only added one more feather to its cap, and given well-earned and deserved rest to editor and his staff, but real infliction and penalty is on the public who will be deprived, for this short period, of the daily evening intellectual journalistic treat.

II

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—The senseless suppression of the 'Sentinel' has come as a rude shock to the people of Bombay. And this jolt so soon after the lulling broadcast of Sir Roger Lumley which had succeeded in goading some people into a sense of security.

The 'Chronicle' points out that the Press Advisory Committee was not consulted. Then why have this Committee at all?

So far as the public knows, this is (if it is) 'Sentinel's' first offence. A first offender is usually warned. Then why this special treatment for the 'Sentinel'?

Today it is the 'Sentinel'. Tomorrow it may another paper. The Press will have to be pretty sharp if they intend maintaining its rights.

Sir Roger is known to be one of the most responsive of the Governors. Will he retrieve the false position taken up by his Government? If he does, it will be yet another feather in his cap!—Yours etc.

H. L. P.

Bombay.

III

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—The attitude of the Bombay Government in suspending 'The Bombay Sentinel' for a month is most deplorable. This Journal is one of the foremost newspapers that stands for 'pucca' justice and fair play and supports the public cause in every matter. It would, therefore, be proper that the President of the All-India Newspapers Editors' Conference should lose no time in calling out a meeting of all the newspapers strongly to protest against the Bombay Government's action for suspending the 'Sentinel' and not keeping the Delhi Agreement between Government of India and the Indian Press.—Yours etc.,

PAUL PEREIRA.

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IV

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—The sad sudden and unexpected news of the suspension of the "Bombay Sentinel" has surprised each and everyman and woman in every nook and corner of Bombay.

Dear Editor, I assure the Editor of your sister journal, Mr. Horniman that the full backing of the public of Bombay is behind him of which there is not the least doubt.

Let all the citizens of Bombay rise to the occasion in respone to the call of the meeting that is going to be held in Congress House on Saturday and pass the resolution showing the sympathy and support to our dear journal and to its seasoned Editor.

Let our Bombay Governor, Sir Roger Lumely rise to the occasion without losing more time in withdrawing the ban on the "Sentinel"—Yours etc.

K. SADASHIV B.

A. R. P. Sirens

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—Since long Monday has been fixed as the day for carrying on the A. R. P. Siren practices. By this time one may expect that the general public must have learnt the significance of the warnings. With the war now coming nearer steadily, the authorities would be well-adviced to discontinue this practice and officially warn the people that henceforth any A. R. P. warning sounded, should be taken as real one. In the absence of such an authoritative notification, the authorities should not get surprised if they find the public, who won't be able to distinguish between warnings, real or imaginary, panicky and disorganised.—Yours etc.

D. L. MODI.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"Communism under M. Stalin has produced a most valiant fighting army in Europe. Communism under M. Stalin has provided us with examples of patriotism equal to the finest in the annals of history. Communism under M. Stalin has produced the best generals in this war."

—Lord Beaverbrook.

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"O good people of India give us your confidence, as we will give you ours."

—Colonel Louis. Johnson in his broadcast.

They can have it but subject to two fundamental reservations:—

(1) the powers of the Governor-General under a constitution that cannot be modified by conventions and

(2) Britain's exclusive responsability for India's defence.

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Colonel Johnson repeated his promise that when he went back to the U.S.A. he would work for Indo-American friendship.

But does he realise that by such promises he is threatening to deprive Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai—to say nothing of Sir Shanmukham Chetty—of his "raison d'etre?"

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"There is", Colonel Johnson told Indians, "no goal for us, and for you, except victory."

There is, however, this difference that we have to attain a double goal of victory.

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The Madras Congress Legislature Party has passed a resolution advocating a Congress-League coalition.

It may or may not materialise, but if "approached" or "appealed to", the Qaid-e-Azam will be glad to give Congress leaders an audience.

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The All-India Muslim League Defence Committee intends, declares its president, to visit the evacuee centres in Bengal and Assam.

Yes, our prognostication based not on astronomy but on Jawaharlal's tour, has, as you recall, come out 100 per cent right.

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The King, says a London report, received Sir Stafford Cripps who gave a long account of his mission in India.

The Junior Colleague is prepared to wager anything that Sir Stafford did not reiterate his acceptance of the entire blame for failure.

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The Japanese conquests, Lord Beaverbrook warns America, have confronted the United Nations with a grave crisis in raw materials.

Which reminds us of the reported assertion made by Lord Beaverbrook, over a year ago, that he would be made to send tanks and aeroplanes to Malaya and Burma.

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Berlin, it is reported, has only one preoccupation, to try and finish with the Russian army before autumn.

Quite right. Why should Berlin have any other preoccupation?

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Allied quarters link up revelations about French shipping in Indo-China with M. Laval's talks with Admiral Darlan and the Japanese Ambassador and make the whole thing a matter of keen speculations.

The only point of interest, however, is that M. Laval "received" Admiral Darlan "in audience."

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"So you want to marry my daughter. Why, I don't believe you could keep her in cigarettes my boy."

"I could help."

INSTRUCTIONS TO A. I. C. C. MEMBERS

ALLAHABAD, April 24.

The following Press Note has been issued on behalf of the Organising Committee of the A. I. C. C. session to be held at Allahabad:—

For the convenience of the members of the Congress Working Committee and the A. I. C. C. it may be mentioned that members coming from Delhi or Calcutta sides or from any place on the main line of the East Indian Railway and from Bombay side, the Allahabad junction station will be the most convenient station to detrain. For those coming via Janghai, Bareilly, Partabgarh or Lucknow on the old O. R. R. section of the East Indian Railway, the Prayag station will be the convenient station, which also nearest to the A. I. C. C. pandal. Those travelling by the B. N. W. Railway are to get down at Allahabad City (Rambagh) station.

Mr. Feroz Gandhi will act as the Secretary of the Organising Committee of the forthcoming A. I. C. C. session at Allahabad in place of Mr. Lal Bahadur Sastri who was arrested this morning.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru are arriving in Allahabad on the morning of 26th by the Delhi Mail.—A. P.

"Herald" Editor Denies Malicious Intent

Says Lucknow Camp Jail Story Was Published After Due Inquiry And "Govt. Had To Sit Up"

LUCKNOW, April 24.

The following statement was made to-day in Court by Mr. K. Rama Rao, Editor of the "National Herald" in the case which Mr. C. S. Ledlie, former Superintendent of the Lucknow Camp Jail (not abolished) has filed against him for alleged defamation in respect of a news item published in the issue of the "Herald" dated August 24, 1941, and an editorial note on the same subject in the issue dated August 26, 1941:—

"I should like to state that when I published the news report on August 24, 1941, and the editorial on August 26, 1941, I was actuated by no malice against Mr. Ledlie, because I had not known him at any time."

"Speaking first of the news report of August 24 the incident occurred on August 18 and I took five days to put it in my paper. No responsible journalist could have exercised greater caution. My background for putting this news report and the editorial thereon was this: "Ever since the start of the Satyagraha movement from November, 1940, complaints had been received in shoals that the prisoners were not being properly treated in jails. In fact the complaints about bad food, bad sanitation, bad treatment were increasing so much day after day that I thought it necessary to put on a special column in my paper known as "Our countrymen in jail." The plain fact remains that the Government was not able to contradict more than three reports of mine.

"DELIBERATE REVERSAL OF POLICY"

The contention of us of the National Congress is that political prisoners should be placed in one class and must be given equal treatment and we have been fighting for it all all these twenty years. Compared to experiences of 1920, 1930 and 1932, the treatment given to political prisoners in 1940-41 was very bad in this Province. There was every reason not only to suspect but to believe that there was a deliberate reversal of the progressive policy that had been previously laid down.

When the camp jail was started in July, 1941, it became an object of peculiar attention to Congressmen as it was a concentration camp of 1,700 C Class prisoners.

"ALARMING ACCOUNT"

Soon after it began to work I was receiving complaints of bad treatment. I asked my Congress friends and also my staff to be on the lookout for reports of happenings in this jail. A week before August 18, I received a visitor in my office Mr. Shukla, a Pleader of Unao. He gave me a frightful picture of what was happening in this jail. This information he said he had gleaned from an interview, officially arranged, he had with prisoners in the jail. I came to know after that Mr. Vishwambhar Dayal Tripathi, M.L.A. and an Advocate of Unao had sent a memorandum to the Inspector-General of Prisons giving an alarming account of the conditions in the jail. From my previous knowledge of what I had been printing in my paper, I could very well believe the story to be true.

"I came to know something about the incident on August 19 and certainly I had received sufficient material to go upon by the midday of August 20. In the normal course, according to the practice of my profession, I would have been justified in publishing an account of the incident the same day in the Dak Edition dated August 21 or in the morning edition of August 21, in fact my younger colleagues were surprised that I had been exercising so much restraint. I said evidently the story was very big and we must exercise the utmost care in printing it. I asked my colleagues to go about and collect such information as they could about the incident. They went about their business. I asked Mr. D. P. Joshi, one of my sub-editors who knows Hindi and Urdu and who at one time used to practise as a lawyer, to take charge of the matter. He also met a number of persons who were released from the jail. The process of verification had gone on sufficiently long and on the morning of August 23, Mr. Joshi produced before me a bundle of Hindi papers in which the usual reports of the incidents of August 19 had appeared. I file copies of these Hindi papers.

HEADING FOR "TRIAL OF STRENGTH"

"After the news story had appeared in the morning edition of August 24, I waited for the whole day to see what the reaction to it would be. Obviously no one in official circles concerned was caring to remember the incident. Meanwhile the situation on the jail was developing very unsatisfactory. The stage appeared to have been set for a trial of strength between the jail authorities and the political prisoners. I had been only too well convinced that the prisoners had a very good case for demands they had put forth. A hunger-strike had been threatened by them to vindicate their self-respect and to obtain satisfaction of their demands.

Some of the prisoners had begun hunger-strike already, and as a mass strike was to follow, it appeared to me that the jail authorities were determined to have it out with the prisoners. Between the determintion of the prisoners to immolate themselves and the determination of the jail authorities to fight them relentlessly, there was every possibility of loss of life. I felt a supreme moral urge to Strike a blow for humanity.

GOVT. HAD TO SIT UP.

There was no doubt that the Herald had taken up their cause and things would thereafter not go too badly for them. The Government had to sit up and take notice. Mr. (now Sir Tennant) Sloan went to the jail and met the prisoners but obviously he did not succeed in persuading them to his view. Acharya Kripalani and Mrs. Pandit came to Lucknow and persuaded the Government to take a more reasonable view of the matter. This mission succeeded and I have not the slightest doubt in my mind that I had prepared a way for the success of their mission. When the Government issued their communique on the incident, I printed it promptly in my paper. I claim that in the circumstances I acted as any responsible journalist should have. It being remembered that I had to rely on information which was apparently credible and which bore an effective semblance to truth."

The statement made by Mr. Rama Rao in the lower court was read out to him by the court and he admitted the contents of it

CITY MAGISTRATE EXAMINED

Mr. C. M. Lloyd-Jones, City Magistrate of Lucknow, who was examined on behalf of the prosecution stated that he went to the Camp Jail on August 18, in response to a telephonic order from the District Magistrate.

He was shown by the complainant's counsel a copy of the "Herald" dated August 24, and asked whether the report in the paper that about 200 policemen charged political prisoners numbering about 1,700 with shoes, lathis and whips was correct. He said as far as he knew it was not correct. He did not see any persons being injured. He denied the correctness of the allegations contained in the editorial note in question appearing in the "Herald" dated August 26.

Mr. C. M. Lloyd Jones was then cross-examined at length by the defence counsel.

The court then proceeded to record defence evidence and examined Mr. Kanhyya Das, who was a prisoner in the Camp Jail and is said to have had his left rib broken as a result of the August 8 incident, Syed Mahomed Aslam, an advocate and Zemindar of the Rai Bareli district, and Mr. A. L. Khopalkar, a student of Cawnpore.

Further hearing was adjourned till to-morrow.—A. P.

U. S. PLANE RESCUES BR. SEAMEN

BERMUDA, April 24.

Eight British seamen, the second group in recent weeks—who survived from a sinking British ship on Wednesday owe their lives to a United States naval plane, which alighted on the rough sea, launched a dinghy and took them aboard. About 32 other survivors are understood to have been picked up by a United States destroyer and taken to the United States.

The men rescued by the plane said three torpedoes struck the ship in the night, the U-Boat being so close that they could hear the engines and the voices of the crew. The survivors had been adrift about nine hours, when the plane alighted. The seamen praised the planes pilot for his skill in taking off again.—Reuter.

CHANNEL ISLANDS BROUGHT UNDER BAN

NEW DELHI, April 25.

It is officially announced that except with the permission granted by or on behalf of the Reserve Bank of India, Central Government has prohibited the carrying out of any order given by our on behalf of any person residing in the Channel Islands or anybody corporate which is incorporated under the laws of the Channel Islands or which is under the control of any person resident therein, in so far as the order requires the person to whom the order is given to make any payment or to part with any gold or securities or requires any change to be made in the persons to whose credit any sum is to stand or to whose order any gold or securities are to be sold.—A. P.

Grant To Udai Shankar Culture Centre

ALMORA, April 24.

The Government of the United Provinces have sanctioned a recurring grant of Rs. 5,000 per year towards the maintenance of the Udai Shankar India Culture Centre and non-recurring grant of Rs. 10,000 towards its general expenditure.—A. P.

ATTACH ONLY ONE MORE 3RD CLASS CARRIAGE AND ALL OF US 300 PASSENGARS WILL BE CLEARED!
I CANNOT! THERE IS ONLY ROOM FOR THE GENERAL-MANAGER'S SALOON ON THE TRAIN

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa of Karachi has repeatedly drawn the attention of the public to the continuous unnecessary use of whole saloons for individual departmental officers of railway companies.

RED ARMY'S GRUESOME FIND

Nazi Munitions Dump And Its Sentry: Attacks On Kalinin Front Repulsed

MOSCOW, April 24.

Twelve hundred Germans were killed, when making several counter-attacks on one sector of the Kalinin front during the past two days. The attacks were repulsed states the supplement to the Soviet Midday 'communique'. Several German tanks were destroyed.

In another sector of this front the Russians smashed stubborn resistance and captured a strongly fortified village. Many Germans were killed or captured. A Russian Cavalry unit in driving the Germans from another village used arms which had just been captured from the Germans. Seventeen Red Army men who slipped behind German lines wrecked a convoy comprising thirty carts and killed fifty of the 150 Germans escorting it.

A strange huddled creature seated outside a large earth-and-timber Fort was revealed to Red-Army men by thawing snow on the south-western front. It was a frozen German, wearing a woman's dress and covered with cushion from head to foot. Under the dress were two Iron Crosses hanging on the chest of the corpse. The Fort guarded by this grim sentry was an ammunition dump, which contained 12,000 shells, the Moscow radio stated on Friday.

Guerillas Destroy Tanks

MOSCOW, April 24.

The Soviet Midnight Communique says that nothing of importance occurred at the front. According to verified data the number of German aircraft destroyed on Tuesday was 37, and not 32. Fourteen were destroyed on Wednesday. Russian losses numbered eight.

RESULT OF TWO DAYS' FIGHTING

In two days' fighting on one sector of the Leningrad front over 1,400 Germans have been killed and 12 block houses, three tanks and one gun were destroyed, says a supplement to the Soviet Midnight Communique. In the first fortnight of April, a party of Minsk Guerillas, led by Comrade Ya derailed four enemy troop trains. According to incomplete data the Germans lost over 200 killed and 400 wounded. Many German tanks and a large quantity of munitions were destroyed. —Reuter.

SIR RONALD ADAM PROMOTED

LONDON, April 24.

Lt.-Gen. Sir Ronald F. Adam who wading in the sea directing the evacuation from Dunkirk himself escaped with his staff by rowing out to sea in an army pontoon has been promoted General. The promotion is in consequence of the retirement of Gen. Sir Robert Haining, states to-night's London Gazette. Sir Ronald as General Officer Commanding the 111th Corps in the early days of the war handled his men brilliantly in the battle of Flanders.

City Leaders For Wardha And Allahabad

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. Yusuf Meherally and Mr. Achut Patwardhan, members of the A.I.C.C. left for Wardha this evening. After meeting Mahatma Gandhi, they leave for Allahabad.

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai is expected to leave for Allahabad on Saturday. Mr. S. K. Patil will leave for Allahabad on Monday.

AG. DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION

Lt.-Commander W. H. Watt officiating Director of Civil Aviation in India vice Sir Frederick Tymmes, whose services are placed with Tata Sons Limited.—A. P.

Swedish Legation Lodges Protest

LONDON, April 24.

Reuter's diplomatic correspondent learns that the Swedish legation has lodged a protest in London in connection with the alleged infringement of the Swedish Arms Law on the occasion of the recent breakout from Gothenburg of Norwegian ships. Enquiries regarding this alleged infringement are continuing.

Meanwhile, the British and Norwegian governments through their legal representatives have initiated legal proceedings in Gothenburg to recover costs and damages for the detention of ships, says the Norwegian Telegraph Agency.—Reuter.

SANDSTORMS IN LIBYA

Seven Axis Planes Destroyed Over Malta: Benghazi Raided

CAIRO, April 24.

"Sandstorms interfered with operations yesterday" states a Middle East Communique on Friday. "In the northern sector our artillery engaged and dispersed enemy infantry and vehicles."

The R. A. F. Middle East Communique states: "Objectives in Libya were raided by our bombers during Wednesday night. The Sicilian aerodrome of Comiso was attacked during the same night. Air operations in Cyrenaica yesterday were curtailed by sandstorms.

SEVEN PLANES DESTROYED

Enemy aircraft continued their raids on Malta on Wednesday afternoon and the following morning. During this period anti-aircraft guns accounted for five "Junkers 88s" and one "Junkers 87" while a further "Junkers 87" was shot down by our fighters. From all operations one of our aircraft is missing."

ROME COMMUNIQUE

ROME: R. A. F. raided Benghazi and last night twice raided Comiso, states a Communique issued on Friday.

"Encounters in Cyrenaica between reconnaissance units are reported in Friday's Italian Communique. The R. A. F. bombed Benghazi. Strong attacks were directed against Malta it is added. On Thursday night the R. A. F. twice raided Comiso in Sicily."

Pilot Officer Hukum Chand Mehta, a graduate of the Punjab University, is one of the I. A. F. pilots now on Active Service with the R. A. F.

INDUSTRIALISTS MEET U. S. MISSION

NEW DELHI, April 24.

Col. Louis Johnson and the members of the American Technical Mission had their first meeting with leading Indian industrialists this afternoon at the residence of the Supply Member, Sir Homi Mody, Sir Shanmukham Chetty, leader of the Indian Purchasing Mission in the U.S.A., was also present. After the members had been introduced to the industrialists, by Sir Homi Modi, there was a frank and full discussion on the scope and functions of the Mission. The conference lasted two hours. It is gathered that the members of the Mission will now meet these industrialists individually or collectively while in Delhi.

Those who attended the Conference were Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Mr. J. R. D. Tata, Seth G. D. Birla, Seth Kasturbhai Lalbhai, Sir Badridas Goenka, Sir Ardesher Dalal, Sir Shriram, Dewan Bahadur Ratansabhapati Mudaliar, Mr. Walchand Hirachand, Sir J. P. Srivastava and Seth Padampat Singhania.—A. P.

GERMAN INDUSTRIAL MAGNATE TO HANG

ROME, April 24.

Eugene Lubing, Director of a big German Industrial concern in Brunswick has been sentenced to death for keeping back food especially meat and butter from his workers according to a Berlin message.

His Secretary and another assistant were sentenced to six years hard labour each.—Reuter.

A. I. EDITORS' CONFERENCE

Standing Committee To Meet At Delhi On May 6

MADRAS, April 24.

Mr. K. Srinivasan, President Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference has issued the following statement:—

"In response to the urgent request of some of the members, I have convened a meeting of the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference at Delhi on Wednesday, the 6th May, in the 'Hindustan Times' premises. Members are requested to communicate with Mr. J. N. Sahni, Convener of the Committee for any arrangements they wish to be made for their stay in Delhi".—A. P.

Labour Demand For Impartial Inquiry

At a meeting of the Bombay Presidency Committee of the Indian Federation of Labour held on Thursday evening, in the Servants of India Society Sandhurst Road, Girgaum, under the presidentship of Jamnadas M. Mehta, a resolution on the firing of dock workers was unanimously adopted calling upon the authorities to hold an impartial enquiry into these incidents. By another resolution. "The Federation also earnestly exhort the workers of the Naval Dock Yard to resume work immediately so that war production so vital to the success in the fight against Fascism may not be interrupted."

City Students' Condemnation

Messrs. Abdul Satar Parekh, the General Secretary of the Bombay Presidency Students' Federation, H. J. Shah, Secretary, Bombay Students' Union, P. N. Joshi General Secretary, Fort Students' Union and Natvar Ghodi, Secretary, Bombay Suburban Students' Union, in the course of a statement say:—

"The suspension of the publication of the "Bombay Sentinel" was something quite novel to the world of journalism. Usually a paper is warned for a first offence or a security is demanded. Suspension is too drastic a step.

We endorse the demand for the enquiry in the firing episode made by Mr. Meherally, Mayor of Bombay, and further condemn the executive order suspending publication of "Bombay Sentinel". We request the Standing Committee of All-India Journalists' Association to fix a date on which all the papers in the country should suspend publication as a mark of protest against the action taken against the "Bombay Sentinel", "Pratap" and the "Yugantar".

'DOWN WITH GESTAPO UNDERLINGS'

Anti-German Demonstrations In Sicily

MOSCOW, April 24.

Anti-German demonstrations occurred at Augusta in Sicily, according to an Istanbul message received in Moscow.

The incidents occurred after O.V.R.A. agents (Secret Police) had broken into a private meeting of Italian naval and military officers. Those who were too late in making their escape through a secret passage were arrested and taken off in O. V. R. A. cars, the message said.

A crowd gathered in the street and shouted "down with Gestapo underlings," and "down with the war." The police had to use rubber clubs and firehoses to disperse the crowds.—Reuter.

'PATRIOT' OPERATIONS IN YUGOSLAVIA

LONDON, April 24.

Daring raids by General Mihallovitch's Patriot forces have disrupted communications in Yugoslavia. Travellers from northern Yugoslavia to Istanbul usually have to go via Budapest and Sofia instead of taking the direct route across Serbia, an eyewitness who has just arrived from the Balkans told the Cairo correspondent of the Independent French Agency.

Railway bridges and tunnels are frequently blown up, the eyewitness said. His train was attacked three times between Zagreb and Belgrade. Karlovats the second town of Croatia, was recently invaded by Patriots disguised as Ousetachis (Croat Quisling Forces) who freed wounded comrades detained in hospital and others in prison.

Large scale operations by Patriots are expected this Spring and Summer.—Reuter.

Assam Ex-Premier Optimistic

SHILLONG, April 24.

The view that the recommendations made to the A. I. C. C. by the Madras Congress Legislature Party carried considerable weight was expressed by Sir Mohd. Saadulla, ex-Premier of Assam, in an interview to-day. He said he would wait for the reaction of the A. I. C. C. to the recommendations, before he announced the final plans of his party with regard to the formation of a Ministry in Assam.

Sir Mohd. disclosed that his Party now had a substantial workable majority and he felt that at this critical time there should be one strong all-party Government in the Province. If, however, certain parties ultimately decided not to respond to the desire of their countrymen "at this hour of grave peril", Sir Mohd. said, his party would try to devise a way to end the deadlock, and he had reasons to believe that his countrymen would stand solidly behind him.—A. P.

LAVAL-DARLAN PARLEY

LONDON, April 23.

M. Laval received in audience to-day Admiral Darlan and later the Japanese Ambassador, states the Lyons radio.—Reuter.

Searches And Arrests Galore

CALCUTTA, April 24.

Simultaneous raids were carried out at several places in the city today by the special branch of the Calcutta police in the course of which some alleged objectionable books and leaflets are reported to have been seized. About half a dozen young men were taken into custody in this connection.—A. P.

CURTIN'S CHARGE AGAINST TOKYO

War Prisoners And Breach Of Geneva Convention

MELBOURNE, April 24.

Mr. Curtin announced that despite painstaking efforts the Commonwealth were not informed about the Australian soldier and civilian prisoners in Japanese-occupied territories although Japan promised observance of the Geneva Convention. Japan did not allow an International Red Cross delegate to report on prison camps or the appointment of any protecting Power in charge of British interests in Malaya, Hong Kong and the Philippines.—Reuter.

Split German Armies

NEW YORK:—"There can be no doubt that Lord Beaverbrook's pleading for a second front is also the feeling of the great mass of his own countrymen and ours", says the 'New York Times' in a leading article. "It is imperative to split the German armies. On both sides of the Atlantic the belief is strong that we cannot afford to waste the present opportunity and that the hour for attack lies near at hand" —Reuter.

WAR CASUALTIES— I. M. S. OFFICERS

The Government of India regret to announce the following casualties which occurred on various dates.

MISSING: Indian Artillery, 2/Lt. Mehar Dass.

I. M. S.: Lieut. V. N. Khadilkar; Capt. S. M. V. Krishnan; Major N. L. McLeod; Lieut. C. M. Patel and Lieut. K. N. P. S. Pillai.

PRISONER OF WAR.

I. M. S.: Capt. Nazir Ahmed.

Br. 'Army' Invades Merchant Ships

LONDON, April 24.

The British Army is now represented in all three fighting services. Expediency during the vital phase of the battle of the Atlantic, when soldiers were loaned to the Admiralty to act as gunners on merchant ships has resulted in the establishment of four "maritime regiments", totalling ten thousand men, who returning to the historical function of the army will "defend our trade" aboard merchant ships.

Details of the plan were announced tonight together with the news that soldier air pilots are to be awarded pale-blue wings, when they qualify as air observers or glider pilots.—Reuter.

KHADI CURRENCY: Shri Bharatanandaji (Mahatma Gandhi's Polish Desciple) will give a lecture on Khadi Currency at the South Indian Association Premises tomorrow (Sunday), at 5-45 p.m.

MANDALAY BOMBED

NEW DELHI, April 24.

IRRAWADDY FRONT: There have been no further reports of ground action, says a Burma communique. Mandalay and the neighbourhood were again bombed but no casualties or fresh damage were reported. Chinese expeditionary force:—Chinese fighting attacks are now developing on the Eastern Front in the vicinity of Shwen-Yaung and Taunggyi.

Reports of both engagements were meagre but matters appear to be progressing satisfactorily. The Japanese force is reported to be digging in south of Yenangyaung.—A. P.

Three Enemy Attacks Ineffective

MELBOURNE:—A communique issued by Allied Headquarters on Friday states 'New Guinea:—(Port Moresby)—the enemy attacked three times on Thursday, at 10-00 local time, with eight heavy bombers and fighter escort at 11-30 with three fighters and at 15-00 with two fighters, but all with negligible effect.—Reuter.

Enemy Shipping Attacked

NEW BRITAIN (Rabaul),:—On Thursday morning our air force attacked shipping, barracks and warehouses and machine-gunned personnel and dropped incendiaries on wharf establishment. Enemy attempted fighter interception with four 'Zero' type planes.

Harassing Fire

PHILIPPINES CORREGIDOR:—There was intermittent harassing fire on the fortified island. Our batteries took hostile troop assemblies under fire.

VISAYAS:—The Japanese landing at Iloilo Capiz Antique was effected by infantry reinforced by artillery and tanks. Our forces are still engaged in delaying action.

MINDANAO:—There was sporadic patrol action.—Reuter.

Ban On Sales Of Motor Tyres

NEW DELHI, April 24.

The tyres (temporary prohibition of disposal) order is gazetted to-day. It 'inter alia' lays down that except as here after provided no person shall for a period of one month from April 25 dispose of or agree to dispose of or in pursuance of an agreement entered into before April 25, make delivery of any unused tyre or tube intended for use on the wheel of a motor cab on motor car.—A. P

Br. Envoy To Abyssinia

LONDON, April 24.

Mr. Robert George Howe, diplomat son of a Derby engine-driver, is Britain's new envoy to Ethiopia. Mr. Howe, now 49, was a council school boy, who won scholarships to a grammar school and the Cambridge University. He entered the diplomatic service after army service in the last war. —Reuter.

CAIRO:—King Farouk is giving a luncheon to the Duke of Gloucester on Saturday.

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Japanese Drive Towards Loikaw Town

ENEMY FORCES REPULSED

CHINESE GARRISON BREAK THROUGH CORDON AND JOIN MAIN BODY

CHUNGKING, April 23.

The Japanese main drive in Burma is at present directed at Loikaw town, west of the Salween River, in an attempt to turn the Chinese left flank and force the Chinese, who are on the railway near Plinmana, to withdraw writes Reuter's special correspondent. Pyinmana is on the Sittang River, due west of Loikaw.

The military spokesman at Chungking said that the Chinese forces on the railway have withdrawn to a point north of Pyinmana. Their comrades at Yenangyaung are mopping up the Japanese remnants south of the oilfields. The Japanese three miles south of Yenangyaung are at the moment inactive.

Questioned about the Japanese air activities over Chekiang, Fukien, Kwangsi and Szechuen cities, the spokesman replied that the Japanese apparently feared that Allied aircraft were using Chinese air fields to bomb Japan.

But he added that the Japanese themselves claim that extensive reconnaissance failed to discover any such planes on Chinese airfields.

JAP FORCES REPULSED

CHUNGKING.—A communique issued to-night (Thursday) says "The Japanese detachment which moved around the Chinese flank reached the northern outskirts of Loikaw, but was repulsed by the Chinese. The Japanese after receiving reinforcements again occupied the area north of the city. The Chinese garrison last night succeeded in breaking through the Japanese cordon and re-established contact with the Chinese main body.

On the Irrawaddy front, after the Chinese recapture of Yenangyang, the Japanese brought up reinforcements and renewed the offensive.

FIGHTING NEAR PINN RIVER

Fighting is at present in progress in the vicinity of the Pinn river. On the railway to the north of Pyinmana fighting increased in intensity on Tuesday when Japanese mechanised units led the attack supported by aircraft. The Chinese vigorously resisted the attack, and the Japanese left many dead on the battlefield. To-day, the Chinese destroyed one Japanese tank and one armoured car and also captured several heavy machine-guns. Fighting is at present in progress north of Pyinmana in the vicinity of Kyidunggan."

Japs Raid Suiamhsien And Lohsien

BOMBAY, April 23.

For the third successive day, yesterday, five Japanese planes raided Suiamhsien and Lohsien in Western Chekiang and Eastern Kiangsi, respectively, on the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway, states a message from Chungking. They also conducted reconnaissances over these two places.

Nangfeing, south of the railway on the Fookien border, was also bombed by seven other Japanese machines

Flying over Liyuan, in North-Eastern Kiangsi, last Saturday evening, one Japanese fighter plane caught fire and struck the ground at a point over 10 kilometres south of the town. The machine was a total wreck. The airmen, who escaped death, are at large and man-hunt has been organised by the local authorities.—A. P.

JAPANESE OFFENSIVE

BOMBAY, April 23.

On the Salween river front the Japanese, who had reached south of Loikaw, after a drive along the west bank of the river, with the support of tanks and planes last Sunday, opened an offensive on Loikaw, with the support of tanks and planes at dawn on Monday, states a Chungking message Fighting under extremely difficult conditions, the Chinese resisted grimly and hand-to-hand combats took place. Casualties on both sides are reported to have been heavy. A Japanese unit launched a flanking movement about two miles north of Loikaw, but it was repulsed by the Chinese.—A.P.

"PREMIERS' WAR CONFERENCE"

MELBOURNE: Australia's State Premiers received a comprehensive summary, of war position throughout the world and of the immediate prospect, from Allied war leaders at secret meeting here today. Both General MacArthur, Commander-in-Chief of the South-west Pacific area and General Sir Thomas Blamey discussed the war problems. The Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin, said afterwards that the deliberations were most important to all concerned it was virtually a Premiers' War Conference.—Reuter.

Luftwaffe & R. A. F. Balance-sheet

LONDON, April 23.

One hundred and five German aircraft were destroyed by the R.A.F. Fighter Command, and anti-aircraft gunners—90 in daylight and 15 at night—during the first three months of this year. The Fighter Command losses in this period were 61, two pilots being safe and others known to be prisoners, according to an official statement. Of the 90 German machines shot down in daylight, 79 were destroyed in offensive operations over enemy territory. During the quarter there were 25 major operations by the Fighter Command and despite bad weather early in the year there were few days when some British fighters were not over Northern France.

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OPEN SECOND FRONT IN W. EUROPE

Beaverbrook's Tribute To Stalin And Communism

NEW YORK, April 23

The establishment by Britain of a second front in Western Europe was advocated by Lord Beaverbrook in a speech at the annual dinner at the Bureau of Advertising. He strikingly praised Russia and M. Stalin

"Communism under M. Stalin has produced a most valiant fighting in Europe", he said. "Communism under M. Stalin has provided us with examples of patriotism equal to the finest in the annals of history. Communism under M. Stalin has produced the best Generals in this war."

Lord Beaverbrook pointed out that M. Stalin had accepted the Atlantic Charter. "M Stalin", he said "is a master of tactics and in the end will defeat the enemy."

HELP RUSSIA AND WIN WAR.

Lord Beaverbrook said he was convinced that the best form of Defence was attack..... "I believe that Britain should adopt it by setting up somewhere along the 2,000 mile coastline now held by the Germans a second front in Western Europe." He advocated help for Russia, because he knew "Russia may settle the war for us in 1942. By holding the Germans in check, possibly even defeating them, the Russians may be the means of bringing down the whole Axis structure."

This is a chance and an opportunity to bring the war to an end here and now. But if the Russians are defeated and driven out in the war, never will such a chance come to us again."

Lord Beaverbrook praised the "hard fighting, brave deeds and the vast powers of endurance" of the British army, during the past two years. The sacrifices of the people of Britain and the qualities of "our own great leader, Mr. Churchill."—Reuter

WIFE AND CHILDREN AS HOSTAGES

LONDON, April 23.

The wife and children of the Jugoslav War Minister and Commander-in-Chief, General Drazha Mihajlovich, have been seized by the Germans as hostages, it is learned in Jugoslav circles in London. Early this month the Germans issued an ultimatum, stating that unless General Mihajlovich and officers who are carrying on an intense Guerilla warfare surrendered within five days, their families would be taken as hostages. The ultimatum has expired, but it is stated in London there is no question of General Mihajlovich surrendering.

IRAN DENOUNCES AXIS PROPAGANDA

TEHERAN, April 23.

The Iran Government has published the following proclamation in all newspapers on Wednesday:— "As Iran, in accordance with Anglo-Sovietian Treaty, is an an allied nation, propaganda for Axis Powers and the hiding of Axis subjects is considered against the welfare and laws of the country, and the Police Department will deal with offenders severely." It is officially announced that murders and cruelties, inflicted on the subjects of other countries through Axis fiith column propaganda w led to the deportation of some Iranians as well as to the expulsion of the Japanese Legation from Iran, and finally led to the proclamation for the self-defence and protection of Iran population. It is understood that Iran Government is prepared to undertake all possible steps for the entire removal of the remaining Axis activities here.—Reuter.

London Has No Information

LONDON, April 24.

No information of the decision has reached London, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent who points out that the judgment obviously only deals with the point of law of ownership of the baggage and does not affect the question of responsibility for the outrage.—Reuter.

The Queen inspecting comforts for Indian troops during her visit to India House.

NO MENTION OF RUSSIA AND CHINA

M. P.'s Searchlight On Casey's Broadcast

LONDON, April 23.

Complaint was made in the Commons on Thursday that the new Minister of State Mr. Casey, broadcasting last Sunday stressed the need for post-war co-operation with the United States but made no mention of Russia and China.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, replying said: "The Minister of State dealt particularly with Anglo-American relations in view of his recent experience as the representative of Australia in the United States. But he specially referred to co-operation with other peoples of goodwill, which is the declared policy of the British Government.—Reuter.

SAVARKAR ON INTEGRITY OF HINDUSTAN

BOMBAY, April 23.

"The question before us to-day is not to form out of separate and independent States or constituents a new Nation or a Federation or a Confederation. India is already a unitarian State. To the Hindus it is an article of faith that India, their motherland and Holy land is a cultural and national unit undivided and indivisible."

Thus observed Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, in the course of a statement to the "United Press."

Mr Savarkar referred to the Congress resolution on this question and said that the "implication of the Congress resolution is so damaging and detrimental to Indian unity in general and to 'Hindudom in particular that by admitting the right of the Moslem provinces positively to secede, they have deprived the Hindus negatively of any 'right' to resist them from doing so and fighting for the unity and integrity of Hindusthan which to-day is already an accomplished fact."

"To make room for Pakistan," Mr. Savarkar added, "the Congress undermined the unity and integrity of Hindusthan and cared not if it got blown up into fragments. Sir Stafford got what he wanted and Mr. Churchill congratulated Cripps on the achievement, of having paved the way to 'future constitutional progress of India'. Now, if ever a constitution-making body is called, the Congress cannot but be bound by this principle it has admitted and the Muslims taking stand on this charter which the Indian National Congress has deliberately signed and delivered to them, cannot but exercise this right by raising a Pakistan-Federation."—United Press.

Saudi Arabia-Kuwait Treaty

CAIRO: The Saudi Arabian Legation has issued a 'communique' from Mecca, saying that a treaty of friendship and good neighbourliness has been signed between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.—Reuter.

BR. DIPLOMATS GET DAMAGES

Istanbul Bomb Explosion Echo

VICHY, April 24.

Damages amounting to 442,000 Turkish pounds have been awarded by the Istanbul Trade Court against a party of British diplomats in whose luggage bomb exploded in Pera Palaca Hotel in Istanbul in May 1941, states a despatch received here.

The diplomats included the British Minister and Counsel from Sofia, Messrs. Rendell and Benen who were 'en route' to Britain following the break of relations with Bulgaria. A bomb was placed in their luggage during the journey and caused considerable damage in the hotel, two servants being killed.—Reuter.

FRANCO-CANADIAN RELATIONS

Mr. King To Make Statement On Tuesday

OTTAWA, April 24.

The Prime Minister Mr. Mackenzie King on Thursday promised the House of Commons that he would make statement on next Tuesday on the question of future relations between Canada and Vichy Governments.

Mr. King said it was quite true that South-Africa had broken off relations with Vichy. Such action, he said, was always a serious and a regretful matter.

"It is doubly regretful in the case of countries which have been so closely associated for centuries, as have Canada and France."

At a time of war it was necessary to consider what effect severance of relations would have with Canada's Allies, Mr. King said and Government felt it advisable that there should be a complete exchange of views with the United Kingdom and the United States before any decision was reached by Canada.—Reuter.

Allied Heroes Cheered At Pageant

LONDON, April 23

Mr Winston Churchill accompanied by Mrs. Churchill, Mary Churchill and Mr. Brendan Bracken. Minister of Information, was among the vast audience who cheered Allied heroes at the Battle of Freedom Pageant in Albert Hall on Thursday night. Representatives of Allied forces, particularly Russians who marched across the arena in a grand finale were enthusiastically received.—Reuter.

AWARD TO N. N. A. SERVICE BY QUEEN OF NETHERLANDS

COLOMBO, April 22.

The first official intimation that the Netherlands Naval Air service is operating from Ceylon is given in a communique which announces that the Netherlands naval air service now operating from the United Kingdom, Ceylon ad Australia has been honoured by Her Majesty the Queen of Netherlands by an award of the Militaire Willems Orde, the highest Netherlands military distinction.—A. P.

Convicted For Causing Two Deaths

NEW DELHI, April 23.

The District and Sessions Judge, Delhi; convicted and sentenced Mrs C. E. Cooper, an English woman, to four months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 100 on a charge of causing death by rash and negligent driving. The prosecution case was that on March 7, the car which she was driving knocked down and killed two children aged seven and twelve at Kashmere Gate opposite the old St. Stephen's College building.—A. P.

AIR MAIL FOR U. K.

NEW DELHI April 24.

Air mail which left India at 29th March 1942 upto 5th April 1942 have been delivered in the United Kingdom.—A. P.

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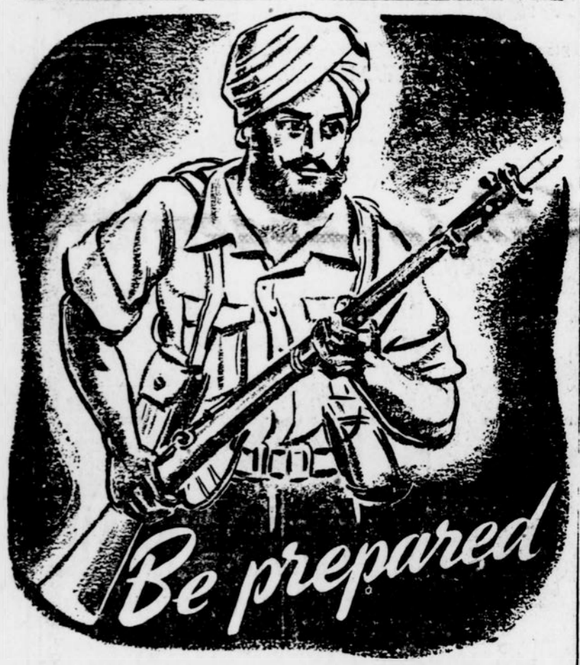

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LOT OF DEPRESSED CLASSES UNDER CRIPPS SCHEME

Rao Bahadur M. C. Rajah's Statement

POONA, April 22.

"The proposals which Sir Stafford Cripps placed before us, as settled facts, if accepted by us would undoubtedly place us under the yoke of our oppressors and blood and tears would be our lot for ever," says Rao Bahadur M. C. Rajah, M.L.A., in a statement to the press expressing his views on the proposals of Sir Stafford Cripps.

Continuing Rao Bahadur Rajah says that the Depressed Classes do not view favourably the proposal of His Majesty's Government to set up the Constitution making body through a Constituent Assembly, in as much as in this caste-ridden and sect-ridden country the Depressed Classes will have absolutely little or no chance through such an Electoral College as envisaged in the proposal, of returning genuine representatives of the community to the Constitution-Making body. It will only aid the Congress Party to secure a fully packed gathering in such a body.

"If the portfolio of Defence is also to be handed over to the Indians, that will be the last instrument placed in the hands of the Congress by His Majesty's Government to emasculate and strangulate the Depressed Classes politically," he adds.

Proceeding Rao Bahadur Rajah says, "Ninety per cent of India's wealth is reported to be her agricultural produce and ninety per cent of India's tillers of the soil are the Depressed Classes. I feel that it is my duty to point out that India will march onwards to its promised goal, that it will progress forward to the extent to which its least favoured community, the Depressed Classes, march onward and progress. It is, therefore, necessary that if any further power devolved upon the Congress or the Muslims, it should be so devolved that the interests of all classes, however small, should be very carefully protected and safeguarded and their aspirations nourished and not smothered."

Concluding Rao Bahadur Rajah sounds a note of warning that no arrangement which the British Government might enter into with the Congress and other political parties without the consent of the Depressed Classes would be binding on the community and that if any such arrangement was made, it would be strongly resented and stoutly resisted with all the means at their command.—A.P.

BHOPAL NATIONAL WAR FRONT

BHOPAL, April 24.

At a meeting of the National War Front, last evening, the Hon. Mr. Salamuddin Khan, Law Member, Bhopal, announced that in accordance with the wishes of His Highness the Ruler, the State National War Front is being enlarged in scope and organised under five main heads, meetings, lectures, dramas, schools and contradiction of rumours supplemented with the dissemination of correct information. Mr. Salamuddin stated that he expected to publicly announce a complete scheme next week when it would be immediately put in operation. He appealed to the citizens of Bhopal to steer clear of defeatist talk.

Similar sentiments were expressed in a brief introductory speech by Rao Ondhnarain Bisaraya, President of the Bhopal Executive Council while thanking the Bhopal public for their unstinted support to a Government's A. R. P. efforts.—A. P.

MAHARASHTRA UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE.

The Assistant Secretary of the Anjuman-i-Islam, Bombay writes:—

The Anjuman-i-Islam of Bombay had requested Government to nominate a Muslim on the Maharashtra University Committee, as there is considerable Muslim population in Maharashtra. The reply from the Government that Maharashtra University Committee was an expert body set up to examine a complex problem and is not a representative body was however not considered satisfactory by the Anjuman-i-Islam.

The Governing Board of the Bombay Presidency Muslim Educational Conference had also resolved to protest against the attitude taken by the Government and to non-co-operate with the Committee in its deliberations.

Although a Muslim member has now been appointed a member of the Committee, he is a retired Government official who must be of necessity be out of touch with Muslim public opinion.

RANADE CENTENARY

A meeting of the Ranade Centenary Celebration Committee was held at the Servants of India Society's Home for adopting the Report and the audited statement of accounts submitted by the Hon. Secretaries. With regard to the balance of the funds amounting to about Rs. 350 it was decided that this surplus in the hands of the Committee be transferred to the Trustees of the Mahadeo Govind Ranade Social Reform Fund.

When functions for the celebration of the Ranade Centenary were held in January last there was a general feeling that the marble statue of the late Mr. Justice Ranade now located near the Bandstand (Fort) should be transferred to a more suitable and popular locality and various suggestions were made to the Committee for this purpose. The Committee therefore decided to authorise the Chairman and the Secretaries to approach the Municipal Corporation and the Municipal Commissioner of Bombay to take all the necessary steps in that behalf.

Informally dissolving the Committee the Chairman Sir Sitaram Patkar, thanked its members representing thirty-one Public Associations in the City of Bombay and the suburbs for their valuable co-operation and particularly the two Hon. Secretaries Messrs. D. G. Dalvi and P. S. Bakhale for their special efforts in making the celebration of the Centenary a great success.

SHORT-TERM POST-WAR PROBLEM

Mahratta Chamber Supports Govt.'s Policy

POONA, April 24.

Full support of the Committee of the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Poona, towards the policy contemplated by the Government of Bombay with regard to the short term post-war problems likely to arise in the province of Bombay on account of the change over from a war time to a peace time industrial economy and their hearty co-operation in the measures the Government would take to tide over the possible dislocation of industry and labour have been mentioned in a communication addressed to the Government of Bombay by the Mahratta Chamber of Commerce and Industries' Poona.

It adds: "With the cessation of hostilities, the war demand for clothing, engineering goods would stop which would result in the curtailment of production and which would inevitably bring great hardship on the labour affected. The Bombay Government would therefore do well to plan beforehand as to how firstly relief could be given to them during the transitional period. One of the effective means to tide over difficulties would, in the opinion of the Committee, to keep ready plans for an extensive Public Works Programme which should chiefly comprise of development of means of communication and irrigation facilities.

One thing in the opinion of the Committee needed special emphasis. In the present war, the cottage and small and medium sized industries were rendering valuable service and it was the duty of the Provincial Governments to particularly safeguard their interests in the transitional period.

The Committee therefore suggested the setting up of one General Reconstruction Committee and three Special Committees to deal with Labour, Public Works and Agriculture respectively.—A. P.

How Jap Pilots Machine-Gunned Allied Seamen

COLOMBO, April 24.

How Japanese pilots machine-gunned Allied seamen who took to lifeboats after their ship had been attacked in the Bay of Bengal was described by the Chief Officer of the ship "Birger Kleven" at Colombo.

"They machine-gunned life-boats as if for sport", he said. The ship was attacked by Japanese divebombers soon after the aircraft carrier "Hermes" was sunk. With the engine room damaged and a list to port the ship drifted until the next morning, it was finally beached, thus foiling the Japanese. The lowering of life-boats was rendered extremely difficult by a hail of machine-gun fire, but 38 out of 46 of the crew managed to row to the coast of Ceylon. Two more of them swam ashore while another two drifted to the shore on a raft.—Reuter.

ELECTRIC POWER CONTROL BOARD FOR PUNJAB

LAHORE, April 24.

The Punjab Government have set a Punjab Electric Power Control Board to assist the Government of India in assuming, for the duration of the war, full authority for controlling and restricting the supply of electricity by public electricity supply undertakings. Mr. Aminuddin I.C.S. Secretary to Government, Punjab Electricity and Industries Department has been appointed Chairman of the Board.—A. P.

Bombay War Gifts Fund

Amount previously acknowledged: Rs. 90,81,860-13-7.

FOR INDIAN RED CROSS AND AMENITIES FOR TROOPS.—Rs 345-9-9 through the Treasury Officer, Satara. Rs. 344-12-0 the Head Office Staff of the British India General Insurance Co., Ltd., (for three months). Rs. 131-2-0 through the Mamlatdar, Dapoli Ratnagiri District. Rs. 100-8-0 through the Mamlatdar Khed Ratnagiri District.

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FOR "CHINA'S DAY".—Rs. 750-13-0 through the Treasury Officer, Satara.

FOR MAHRATTA SOLDIERS AND THEIR DEPENDANTS.—Rs. 1,500-0-0 Maharaj Kumar Udayasinhrao Gaekwar of Baroda through H. E. Governor.

FOR LORD MAYOR'S RELIEF FUND.—Rs. 316-8-0 Staff of Messrs. Greaves Cotton & So., Ltd., (monthly).

Grand total on Friday (including sums less than Rs. 100) Rs. 90,86,534-1-7.

SURAT KAMDAR PARISHAD.

SURAT, April 24.

In pursuance of the decision of the Surat Kamdar Mandal, efforts are being made to organise the first session of the Surat District Kamdar Parishad. It is understood that the Parishad will be held early next month under the presidentship of Mr. Yusuf J. Meherally, Mayor of Bombay.

It is likely that Mr. Indulal Yagnik, will declare the conference open. A number of organisations are co-operating to make the session a success. Committees have been formed to make arrangements for the session.—United Press.

Indian Rulers Get "Promotions" In Army

NEW DELHI, April 24.

A press note states:—

His Majesty the King Emperor has approved of the promotion of:

(1) His Highness the Maharaja Jam Saheb of Nawanagar to the Honorary Rank of Colonel.

(2) Maharajkumar Amarjit Singh C.I.E., of Kapurthala, to the Honorary Rank of Lieut Colonel and

(3) His Highness the Maharaja of Panna to the Honorary Rank of Major in the army with effect from the 3rd April 1942.

His Majesty has further granted with effect from the same date the Honorary Rank of Captain to

(1) His Highness the Raja of Suket and the Honorary Rank of Lieutenant to (2) His Highness the Maharaja of Cooch Behar.—A. P.

SIKANDAR PROMOTED

NEW DELHI, April 24.

His Majesty the King has approved the promotion of the undermentioned gentleman to the honorary rank of Lt. Col. The Hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Khattar, K.B.E., says a press note.

FINED FOR CONTRAVENING PRICE CONTROL ORDER

SURAT, April 22.

Mr. Chunilal Shankerlal a grain merchant of Surat who was arrested on March 24, for contravening the Price Control Order passed by the District Magistrate of Surat by charging Rs. 7|12|0 instead of Rs. 7|8|0 for a maund of wheat as fixed by the District Magistrate, has to-day been fined Rs. 200 or in default toundergo two months' imprisonment by the City Magistrate of Surat.—A. P.

Malabar Ban On Night Demonstrations

CALICUT April 22.

The District Magistrate of Malabar has promulgated an order under the Defence of India Rules prohibiting the holding of any meetings or processions between 6 p.m and 6 a. m.

The ban is to operate all over Malabar in places which are within 50 miles of the coast. This however does not affect customary religious festivals.

The order is a sequel to the complete "black-out" regulations brought into force recently.—A. P.

LAPAZ, (Bolivia),—A second party of Axis nationals, who are being expelled from Bolivia, will leave the Chilean port of Arica in the United States steamer "Acadia" on May 6th.

BREACH OF LIGHTING RESTRICTIONS

4 Poona Residents Fined Rs. 50 Each

POONA, April 23.

Four persons Mr. F. D. Low, Mr. Van Pon Ing, Ibrahim Haji Hussain and Gulabchand Mohanlal Shah, who stood charged under the Defence of India Rules for alleged breach of the Order under lighting restrictions, the first of its kind since the introduction of complete black-out in Poona, were sentenced yesterday to a fine of Rs. 50 each.—A.P.

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EXHIBITION FOOTBALL MATCH

Allied Forces vs Bombay

A Grand Exhibition Football Match has been arranged by the Western India Football Association, Limited, to be staged at the Cooperage this evening. The contending parties are the Allied Forces and a selected Bombay Eleven. Sir Roger Lumley, the Governor of Bombay, will be present on the occasion.

After a couple of trial matches the following teams have been selected:—

ALLIED FORCES.

Goal: Drynan (Royal Artillery).

Full-backs: Robson (I. A. O. C.) and Jeffries (Royal Berkshire Regt.).

Half-backs: Parry (I. A. O. C.), Towle (R. A. S. C.) and Robinson (Royal Berks Regt.).

Forwards: Whitlow (Royal Artillery), Gardner (I. A. O. C.) Jones (Royal Navy), Yates (R. A. M. C.), and Rouse (Royal Berks. Regt.).

Reserves: Mason, Kelly and Allen (All of the Royal Berkshire Regiment).

Yates will Captain this side.

BOMBAY.

Goal: Kadirvelu (W. I. A. A. Staff).

Full-backs: Atkinson (Y. M. C. A.) and Maudon (Teta Sports).

Half-backs: Middlecoat (The "Times of India" S. C., Osborne (Bombay City Police) and Govind (W. I. A. A. Staff).

Forwards: Aziz (Muslim Sports), Swami (B. E. S. T.) Murthi (W. I. A. A. Staff), Thomas (W. I. A. A. Staff) and Dhakuram (W. I. A. A. Staff).

Reserves: Lynn (W. I. A. A. Staff), Solomon (W. I. A. A. Staff.) Alexander (W. I. A. A. Staff), Rashad (Muslim Sports) and Bhimrao (W. I. A. A. Staff).

Maudon will lead the Bombay team.

There is no doubt that the match will be a very interesting one. The rival teams are well matched, though the Bombay team is expected to combine better than their opponents. And with the ground conditions perfect, the bare-footed players may well out pace and out manoeuvre their heavily-shod rivals. Much will, however depend on the shooting abilities of the forwards on either side. As the season is still green, they may not have yet much target practice. Let the better side win.

Bengal Club Cup League

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

The following matches in the Bengal Club Cup League will be played at the St. Xavier's College Gymkhana ground, Parel, to-day (Saturday):—

4-50 p.m.—Matunga Athletic vs. Bhoiwada S. C.

5-50 p.m.—Bengal Club vs. Ansar Sporting.

MODEL MILL WORKERS ON STRIKE

NAGPUR, April 24.

All workers of the Model Mills in Nagpur have gone on strike this morning as a protest against the dismissal of forty women workers of the mill.—United Press.

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Starring: BABURAO PENDHARKAR & SHANTA HUBLIKAR

Daily: 3-30, 6-15, 9 p.m., Sat., Sun 1 p.m.

A 'PEERLESS' RELEASE!

4th WEEK of Popularity CENTRAL

'Khan-Daan' At West End To-day

Rajni and Phiroz Dastoor in "The Return of the Toofan Mail"; Ulhas and Mumtaz Shanti in "Basant" Bombay Talkies' coming film.

RETURN OF "TOOFAN MAIL"

A Ranjit-Wadia Production Released At Super

Here is "Toofan Mail" again to capture the hearts of cine-goers. Ranjit and Wadia have presented "The Return of Toofan Mail". It has great amusing merits, beautiful technique, melodious music, popular song hits, powerful theme and brilliant direction.

The story is by Director Aspi. It narrates the adventures of a Prince, who frees Rajnagar's subjects from the tyranny of his Captain Kishori. A paper named "Amar Jyot" raises its voice against the tyranny of Kishori and this makes Kishori wild and he orders the execution of the editor of "Amar Jyot". The prince who is abroad for higher education comes to know of the atrocities of Kishori and returns to his state to relieve his subject of this tyranny. He acts as a fool and a coward but on the other hand he appears as "Toofan Mail" and saves the life of his faithful Diwan and Regent Randhir. He upsets all plans of tyrant Kishori and makes his subjects happy.

Director Aspi has showed his craftsmanship in handling the situations. He has made them lively and homely. There is not a single dull moment throughout the picture. It has a brilliant cast headed by Aroon Shamim, Jagdish and ably supported by Dixit, Ghory, Feroze Dastur, Hari Shivdasani, Kantilal Rajni and Brijmala. Mr. Jnan Dutt is responsible for its charming popular music. This picture is running at Super amidst cheerful crowded houses since yesterday.

Supreme To Release "Massom"

The Fazli Brothers remarkable picture "Massom" which presents on the Indian screen for the first time the intimate story of a Muslim family will be released in Bombay shortly by the Supreme Film distributors. The picture is directed by Hasnain, who gave us "Quaidi" and was produced at Film Corporation of India, Calcutta. Starring Romola and Anis Khatoon "Massom" has a strong supporting cast in Amjad, Mazbarkhan, Mehtab and others.

"Bandhan" In 2nd Week At Broadway

The Bombay Talkies' "Bandhan" is held over for in second week at the Broadway Talkies, Dadar. The picture whose merits need no elaboration presents wholesome entertainment with good music and a healthy love story. Starring Leela Chitnis and Ashok Kumar "Bandhan" has had a phenomenal success all over India.

"Pyas" At Imperial

When a film does not show a decrease in box office returns from week to week there is something fundamentally good about it. An instance of this kind is now in Bombay at the Imperial Cinema. The film in question is Murli Movietone's "Pyas", this film was released in Bombay 11 weeks ago and nobody at that time knew the potentialities of it. The producers, who made the picture at the Ranjit Studios were a bit surprised when the film drew more than their anticipations.

Starring Snehprabha and Ishwarlal supported by Shamim, Nazir, E. Billimoria and Gope, "Pyas" has a special appeal to family audiences and this perhaps is the secret of its success.

"Khilauna" At Opera House

If an idealist sees Khilauna the Amar picture now in sixth week at the Opera House he will feel that he has found an ideal film. If an artist sees it he will probably feel that is a creation of art. A practical matter of fact man seeing it will find every thing natural in it. The effect of this film 'Khilauna' on different types of men is different. Men have praised it for its high qualities and points of appeal.

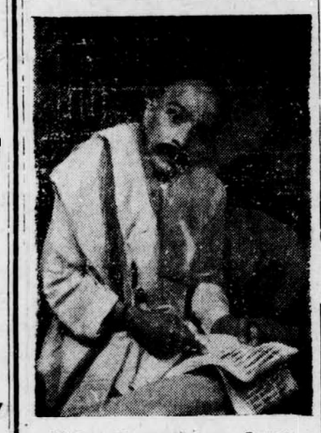
Director Badami is in his element as is clear from the whole-hearted touches he has given to the film. After emotional masterpieces like "Verni Vasulat" and "Educated Wife" Sarvottam had turned to sophisticated Comedies in which he specialized his direction of "Khilauna" which is an emotional melodrama marks his versality.

"Amrit" At Kohinoor

A beautiful film the story of which is set against palm trees, will be shown from this week at the Kohinoor Cinema, Dadar. It is 'Amrit' the Navyug picture with a message and purpose for suffering humanity. Starring Baburao Pendharkar, Lalita Powar, Winayak and others, 'Amrit' is directed by Winayak from a story by U. S Khandekar.

"Apna Ghar" In 9th Week

Circo Productions "Apna Ghar" is fulfilling the expectations that were raised in the minds of the public ever since the subject went into production at the Circo Studios. It has everything that its title. Director—Cast raised in the minds of the public who judging by the crowds that still visit the cinema even though the picture has been running at the Krishna Cinema for the last two months.



Dinkar Kamanna as Jagannath in 'Pahila Palna' at Central.

Two Theatres Are Too Few!

Big Rush For "Khan-Daan" Seats

Famous Pictures Ltd. release the Pancholi Art Production "Khan-Daan" to-day at the Excelsior and the New West End.

Reports of advance bookings at both theatres indicate that the picture needs no commendation to the public. Full houses at both places during the first week seem to be already assured.

"Khan-Daan" comes to us with the weight of an enormous prestige. The names of Producer Pancholi, of music Director Ghulam Haider, of artistes Manorama, Ghuiam Mohamed, Ajmal Durga Mota, are assurances of box-office success. There is a new artiste in "Khan-Daan", placed right at the head of the cast. Bombay will see Noor Jehan to-day. That, by itself, is something to look up to. For, the fastidious capital of the Punjab has already acclaimed her performance as a feast for the eye as well as the ear.

The prestige of "Khazanchi" is behind "Khan-Daan". No better auspices could be wished for any motion picture. No greater responsibility, at the same time, could rest on any Producer. Mr. Datsukh Pancholi will to-day make his bow once more before the public of this great city. Will he receive a more enthusiastic cheer than on the first occasion? Lahore sends us an affirmative answer. "Khan-Daan" has settled down in a leading position among the current features of that Northern city.

Much will depend on the success of "Khan-Daan" in Bombay. The approval of this city traditionally amounts to the acclaim of the whole nation; and the nation's acclaim of "Khan-Daan" will consolidate the work of "Khazanchi". The Punjab will henceforth enjoy a place of honour in the motion picture world.

Jawaharlal Nehru giving his message to his people on the screens of all cinemas in Bombay.

LITTLEST FILM-ARTISTE IS EVACUATED

Touching farewell scenes were witnessed at the Acharya Art Productions, on Saturday last, when Baby Lal, film industry's littlest wage-earner—he is about 11 months old—bid good-bye to the executives the artistes and the technical crew. Everybody had come to love this little child. His role in "Kunwara Bap", A. A P.'s first production starring Kishore Sahu and Protima Das-Gupta, is an important one, and diring the last three months many were the occasions when Baby Lal had alternately endeared himself to and exasperated the studio people. But Lal has always been a favourite of all. And in "Kunwara Bap" he has co-operated with the artistes and the director to give some of the most delightful scenes you have seen in a film.

His work over in "Kunwara Bap" Baby Lal is now evacuated out of Bombay. It's unfortunate that Baby Lal does not understand English or any other language for that matter For if he could, he would not have left Bombay after last Sunday's reassuring broadcast of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, about Bombay being the safest place at present.

"Malan" In 3rd Week At Lamington

Sparkling with youth, love and laughter, but tinged with suspense and heart-rending situations that build to a surprise climex Sunrise Pictures' super social music comedy "Malan" released by Mr. Bachubhai Raval of Select serial Supply, now in its 3rd popular week at Lamington Talkies, has proved to be a worthy successor of "Ghar-ki-Laj."

Hind's "Society" Hits A New High

Hind Pictures "Society" continues to be the draw for the Bombay Picture-goers as is evident from the crowds that gather at the Novelty Talkies—where the picture enter on the 4th weeks run from Saturday 25th April.

The "Guest" Coming To Opera House

The "Guest" Ranjit's latest social picture has a powerful story, melodious songs, witty dialogues and fine situations. The story, songs and dialogues are by D. N. Mudhok and music by Khemchand Prakash. It is directed by Chaturbhuj Doshi. The cast includes Madhuri, Ishwarlal, Shamim and Rama Shukul. It is booked for release at Royal Opera House.

HEALTHY FUN IN 'PAHILA PALNA'

Fourth Brilliant Week At Central

Of all the subjects for screenplay birth control is perhaps the most tiklish. Hence so far producers have not dared to tackle it. But now producer Baburao Pendharkar has produced a picture on this vexed problem and thanks to the admirable restraint of author-director Bedekar he has given us a picture in New Huns' 'Pahila Palna' which is anything but vulgar or indecent.

On the contrary, what impresses one most about the picture is that the humour in every single line of the dialogue or scene is not only refreshing but maintains a decent healthy tone. To illustrate the point take the bedroom scene for consideration. Now in lesser hands this situation of husband and wife spending their first night together could have been highly suggestive and consequently vulgar.

As it is, though the interest of the audience is cleverly heightened by the introduction of the hero's cousin who unwittingly tried to spoil their night by intruding and threatening to sleep there in the same bed-room, the sequence never stoops down to cheapness, and as a result can be enjoyed by most orthodox people without their sense of modesty being hurt.

If this is true of the most intimate scene in the picture, it is true of every other situation in the picture. Indeed 'Pahila Palna' should serve as a model to those directors, who want to denict such intimate scenes in their films. The subtle wit, the healthy restraint combined with poetic fancy, emphasis on details and polished technique distinguish Bedekar's direction, and the excellent production values given to it by Baburao Pendharkar make 'Pahila Palna' a very popular attraction in town. Besides, for Shanta Hublikar's lyrics, Baburao Pendharkar's acting which highlight this brilliant slant on matrimony and motherhood, cinegoers of Bombay flock to Central in large numbers to witness 'Pahila Palna' in its 4th week.

"Station Master," Will Be Next Change At Minerva

Some of the interesting aspects of railway life form the theme of "Station Master", the forthcoming release of Prakash Pictures, which is booked for the Minerva as the next change.

Close in the wake of the sensational success of their "Bharat Milap", the producers have tackled an entirely novel subject which has never been touched before in Indian pictures. It has been treated by Director Mr. C. M. Luhar, B.Sc., so skilfully as to bring out the dramatic and often immotional side of the routine life of a station master who controls the smooth working of railway trains. The cast includes some popular names like Prem Adib, Jagdish, Umakant, Jeevan, Shakir, Kaushalya and Protima Devi. The music has been handled by Mr. Naushadali who gave so many popular tunes in "Darbaar".

"Bharat Milap" Complete 3 Months, At Majestic

Prakash Pictures "Bharat Milap" has completed a crowded three months' run at the Majestic where it is now in its 13th week.

The packed houses that throng the theatre at every show include many who form the "repeat audiences" who are attracted to see the picture again and again. A subject of universal appeal, the artistic background and the splendid work of the cast make "Bharat Milap" a first rate entertainment.

"Shadi" In 18th Week At Chitra

Though, "Shadi", is running in 18th week at Chitra, thousands of its admirers gather at Chitra. Such is the success of attraction of "Shadi".

"Down Argentine Way" At Aurora

The golden voice of the screen, Carmen Miranda with Don Amache. Batty Grable play their best in "Down Argentine Way" running this week at Aurora. It is a feast of music and pleasure.

Sunday morning at 10-30 a.m. "Aryamala" will be once again shown.

"Sapera" At Edward

New Theatres "Sapera" starring Kanan-bala, Saigal, and Nawab is coming this week to Edward.

On Sunday, at 10 a.m. "Great Air Mystery" will be shown.

Noorjahan in 'Khan-Daan' to be released to-day at New West End.

A STAR GREETS STAR!

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Lease-Lend Aid For India

Shanmukham Chetty On Genesis And Scope Of U. S. Technical Mission

NEW DELHI, April 23.

"With the knowledge that I have of the genesis and the scope of this Technical mission, I can state unequivocally that it is not the purpose of the Technical Mission to help American industrialists to build up factories in India", declared Sir Shanmukham Chetty at his Press Conference this morning.

"What the Technical Mission is expected to do is to aid the established industries in India to increase the production of articles required directly or indirectly for the prosecution of the war. Whatever expansion takes place will remain the asset of India. If the object of this Technical Mission is correctly understood every Indian should welcome the opportunity that the visit of this mission has afforded to our country, to increase war production and thereby to lay the basis of a sound post-war industrial development. While it will be wrong for any individual or nation to think of the opportunities of this war in terms of post-war benefits, it is nevertheless a fact that any substantial increase in the industrial capacity of India will result in enriching the post-war economy of our country.

MISSION'S AIM & OBJECT

"The aim and object of the mission," he said earlier, "is to devise ways and means of stepping up the war production programme of India so that our production may become of greater value to ourselves and the United Nations. India has an abundant supply of many essential raw materials. With the advice of the Roger Mission, the Eastern Group Supply Council, and with the co-operation of Indian Industrialists, the Government of India have already increased the productive capacity of India to a very considerable extent. The Technical Mission is expected to determine the manner in which the available resources of India could be utilised to the maximum.

In dealing with this problem, I expect that the technical mission will give their primary consideration to improvements that can be effected immediately, but it is expected that feasible longer term projects will also be studied.

TECHNICAL EXPERTS

It is fully realised that one of the main problems of Industrial production in India is the training of technical personnel. With a view to helping in the solution of this problem, the American Government have sent out an expert in this field as a member of the Technical Mission. It will be the function of this expert member to help and advise about the most effective and expeditious way of training the required technical personnel. It is possible that as a result of the survey of the position by the technical mission, the United States Government may decide to help us by sending a few technical experts to this country.

Sir Shanmukham referred to the comparison made between the amount of Lend-Lease Aid derived by the United Kingdom and India and said that an attempt had been made to draw the inference that compared to the United Kingdom, the aid received by India could not be considered satisfactory.

"That," he said, "is a wrong way of approaching the problem. The amount of Lend-Lease aid was determined not on the basis of benefit to any particular country but solely on the basis of war needs of particular regions.

ANGLO-U.S. AGREEMENT

In reply to questions Sir Shanmukham explained the working of the Lend-Lease arrangements and said that a great deal of correspondence had gone on between His Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States about certain postwar arrangements which might be considered as 'quid pro quo' for Lease-Lend. Finally, an agreement had been concluded just a few months back which had been published. That document simply said that what America would seek as 'quid pro quo' for Lend-Lease was whole-hearted co-operation of the United Kingdom in reducing tariff barriers, abolishing preferential treatment between one country and another and ensuring free international trade after the war. That was the main consideration set out in the agreement and so far as he understood American policy, it was not the intention of the American Government to ask India or England to give back value for the material received by them under Lend-Lease but the American Government expected co-operation in the establishment of a new economic order, a more rational economic system, in the postwar world.—A. P.

Rs. 30,310 For Protection Of Water-Works

AHMEDABAD, April 23.

The Ahmedabad Municipality has sanctioned Rs. 30,310 for the protection of its water-works and drainage system against a possible air-raid and Rs. 28,000 for painting roads and trees white to prevent accidents when complete black-out is enforced in the city in place of the present brown-out.

It proposes to purchase a loud-speaker to give instruction to the people and has asked all members of its staff to take a course of first-aid instruction so as to be available for service in an emergency.—A.P.

INDIANS' CLAIM AGAINST GOVTS. OF BURMA AND MALAYA

NEW DELHI, April 24.

Press communique:—It has been represented to the Government of India that Indians who have claims against the Governments of Burma and Malaya for goods supplied to the Civil Departments or defence services under those Governments or under their war risks insurance schemes, are unable to forward claims to the authorities concerned and that there is no machinery for recording such claims.

The Government of India in the Department of Indians overseas are prepared to record such claims, and to forward them to the authorities concerned, whenever such a course is possible. Full information about such claims should be communicated to that Department by the claimants. It should, however, be understood that there is no guarantee that the claims can be transmitted to the Government concerned, or will be settled by such Governments until normal conditions are restored and that the Government of India undertake no commitment regarding their settlement.—A. P.

Lloyd Barrage Made 'Protected' Area

SUKKUR, April 23.

Sind Government under the Defence of India Rules has declared "protected" areas all areas situated within a distance of 300 yards from the Lloyd Barrage together with all its subsidiary guide banks, walls, or other works, which are situated within one mile of the main Barrage. Besides, the whole of Bukkur islands in Sukkur Districts and railway bridges over the river Indus commonly known as the Sukkur bridge, the Landsdown Bridge near Rohri and the Kotri Bridge near Hyderabad have also been declared as protected areas.

Notification issued to-night states the railway bridges over the river Indus shall be closed between the hours of sunset and sunrise to all traffic except rail traffic (excluding trollies). No person shall cross any of these railway bridges between the hours of sunset and sunrise without a special pass.—A. P.

RENT COLLECTOR ACQUITTED

BOMBAY, Friday.

Holding that the prosecution had failed to prove the charge against the accused, Mr. R. Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, third Court acquitted Phirozshah, B. Daruwala a rent collector and Antoo Subrao, his servant of the charge of possessing instruments for the manufacture of illicit liquor.

The accused were arrested following a raid of a room on the 8th floor of a house at Sonapur Lane on 11th September 1941. The police seized 11 tins of jaggery wash from the room.

Mr. B. D. Wagle, Advocate, who appeared for the accused argued that the prosecution had failed to establish the ownership of the articles seized during the raid and there was nothing on evidence to connect them with the accused.

The Magistrate agreed with the defence contention and acquitted the accused.

COST OF A. R. P. MEASURES IN AHMEDABAD

AHMEDABAD, April 23.

Mr. M. C. Shah, Municipal President, accompanied by Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda, Chairman of the Standing Committee is leaving to-night for Bombay to Mr. Bristo, Adviser to the Governor and Mr. D. Symington, Head of the A.R.P. organisation for clarification with regard to the policy of Government to bear the cost of A.R.P. measures in Ahmedabad.—A.P.

Scheme To End Locust Menace

NEW DELHI, April 23.

Representatives of four provinces and 16 states likely to be affected by the locust menace now threatening North-Western India attended a conference held in New Delhi on Wednesday, the 22nd April 1942 says a press note. The Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarkar, presided. The conference was called to consider a scheme prepared by the Government of India for locating and destroying locusts in the early stages of their development in deserts and sparsely populated areas and for the allocation of the expenditure involved.

The conference unanimously accepted the general principles of the scheme and the method of allocating the expenditure, subject to the formal approval of the Governments concerned, and they agreed that the scheme should be tried for one year at a total cost not exceeding Rs. 2,82,500. It is hoped that the scheme will be put into operation early next month.—A. P.

COLONY FOR U. P. X'IANS

LUCKNOW, April 23.

With the object of giving training to Christians in agriculture and industrial arts and handicrafts specially in cottage industries, a Christian Agricultural and Industrial Colony has been established at Nigohan on the E. I. R. 22 miles from Lucknow. The chief sponsor on the scheme is Raja Sir Maharaj Singh and Mr. Maya Das, Secretary of Agriculture, U. P. is its President.—A. P.

Our Lahore Letter

GROW MORE FOOD-STUFF CAMPAIGN

Govt. To Control Supplies Of Wheat And Its Products

(From Our Correspondent)

LAHORE, (By Mail).

Campaign to 'Grow more Foodstuff' will be launched by the Punjab Government and the adjoining States in the near future. The Punjab is already a surplus province in the production of foodstuffs, but now efforts will be made to increase the surplus to the utmost extent possible.

The policy of the Punjab Government in controlling the supplies of wheat and wheat products during the coming year is (i) complete freedom of movement of grain from one district in the province to another; fixed prices based on Rs. 5 per maund standard at Lyallpur, (ii) limitations on the quantities to be exported from the province so as to secure adquate supplies for local consumption. Restrictions on the normal movements of wheats and wheat products within the province have been removed by the Punjab Government.

According to news received at the Punjab Congress headquarters, it is ascertained that the name of Lala Gokalchand Bhasin an Advocate of Rawalpindi as been removed from the proved list of interviewers of security prisoners in the Punjab jails without obtaining the permission of the Deputy Inspector General of Police, C.I.D. It might be stated that his son Mr. Prem Bhasin is a security prisoner in Gujarat Jail.

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Failure Of Cripps Loss To Br. Govt

Frontier Gandhi's Exhortation To Collaborate For Common Cause

PESHAWAR, April 23.

The view that the failure of the Cripps' Mission did not mean any particular loss to India but meant a loss to the British Government, was expressed by Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, addressing a public meeting at Shahibagh this evening.

He said the Indians remained where they were. "We have been asked to forget the past, but could we not demand a similar change of heart on the part of the British Government", he asked. Experience had shown that ill-armed but free nations, like China, could resist successfully for five years. Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan appealed to the people to discard their labels and collaborate with each other for a common cause. He warned the people against the demon of communalism and said that Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Parsis all—whatever their affiliation—were all in one boat. They had to swim or sink together. The task before us was hard, he added

Referring to tribesmen of Independent territory he said: "We want to tell the tribesmen we are their brothers and treat them as such. Unity has been achieved by disunited people in times of troubles," he said "and we should not let go this chance of having united Pathan brotherhood."

Dr. Khan Sahib, ex-Premier, said that it was due to the inherent shortcomings of the Cripps' proposals that no party in India could see its way to accept the same. The Pathans, he said, should realise their importance and know that nobody could now coerce them into submission.

Amir Mohd Khan, ex-Parliamentary Secretary, Arbab Abdur Rahman, M.L.A., and Hakim Abdul Jalil Nadvi also spoke.—A.P.

MR. L. B. SHASTRI ARRESTED

Alleged Prejudicial Speech

ALLAHABAD, April 24.

Mr. Lal Bahadur Shastri, M.L.A., General Secretary of the Organising Committee of the A.I.C.C Session to be held at Allahabad on April 29 and 30, was arrested here this morning at his residence under the Defence of India Rules.

His arrest, it is believed has been made for an alleged prejudicial speech delivered at Partabagarh. It is learnt he has been taken to Partabgarh by train.

Acharya J. B. Kripalani, Mr. Purshottam Das Tandon, Mrs. Purnima Banerji, Mr. Kesho Deva Malaviya and a large number of Congress men were present at the residence of Mr. Shastri at the time of the arrest.—A.P.

Karnatak Congress Vice-President Arrested

Shri Krishnabai Panjikar, Vice-President of the Karnatak Provincial Congress Committee was arrested on Wednesday under D. I. R. No. 38 (5) and 34 (6) (e) (i) on a telegraphic intimation from the Ratnagiri District Superintendent of Police. In the National Week Shri Krishnabai Panjikar had toured the Ratnagiri District on an invitation from Congress workers there. She is now taken to Ratnagiri for trial.

Appasaheb Patwardhan Arrested

RATNAGIRI, April 23.

Mr. Appasaheb Patwardhan, the Congress leader of Ratnagiri district, was arrested here on Tuesday morning under the Defence of India Rules for having made an objectionable speech at Vengurla.—A. P.

A.I.C.C. AND 'SCORCHED EARTH' POLICY

KARACHI, April 24.

The policy of the Government of India regarding scorched earth policy is likely to be raised at the forthcoming meeting of the All-India Congress Committee at Allahabad.

Swami Krishnanand, Member of the A. I. C. C. from Sind, is going to move a resolution as to the endorsement of the views of Mahatma Gandhi in connection with scorched earth policy. It urges upon the Government not to apply this policy in India, as Indian industries will be totally ruined and both labourers and industrialists will suffer heavily.—A. P

KARACHI.—Sardar Ali Gohar Mazar (Muslim League) was declared elected unopposed to Sind Assembly in a By-Election caused in Sukkur by the death of Khan Sahib Pir Rasul-bakhsh Shah.

RECOGNITION OF INDIA'S FREE STATUS

Asaf Ali Commends Col. Johnson's Assurances At Press Conference

NEW DELHI, April 23.

"Col. L. Johnson's assurances to the people of India through his message to the Press Conference are bound to be appreciated by all concerned and not the least by the British rulers of India", says Mr. Asaf Ali, Member of the Congress Working Committee in a statement to the Press.

"In fact, his clear announcement on behalf of America that the Americans have no territorial gains in view is to my mind of particular interest to the British, who regard and treat our country as their dependency and close preserve, including the so-called sovereign Indian States, which cannot enter into any treaty relations with even America. It is most gratifying to learn that the people of the United States have nothing but goodwill for India, and naturally India must warmly reciprocate this feeling. But what India is vitally interested in is the recognition by the United Nations of her status as a factually free country to-day. India has nothing but genuine and exuberant goodwill for all those who are prepared to regard and treat her as a free country. In this war, India hates to be a mere spectator, while her vast territory is being used as an important base of vital operations by foreign armed forces, of which the Indian soldiers and officers are a subordinate and professional part. It is all the more galling because she wants to be an active and enthusiastic partner in this worldwide struggle for freedom, and yet she is denied the privilege of not merely establishing and defending her own freedom, but of giving of her best to the cause with which she cannot but sympathise.

If India continues to be treated as a subordinate dependency of Britain, and her future remains problematic and if the United Nations, or at any rate the most important of them namely the United States, Russia and China, cannot come forward to recognise her free status to-day, and guarantee her freedom after the war, it is little consolation to any one to know that great countries like the United States and China are fighting alongside Britain's armed forces within and without India's borders only to preserve the 'status quo.' Once India's free status is recognised, the satisfactory solution of our internal difficulties will be India's responsibility.—A. P

SECRETARIAT TO RETURN TO MADRAS

MADRAS, April 23.

The Madras Government have decided to bring back the essential portions of the Secretariat and most of the other offices to the city of Madras This is announced in a press communique which says:—"The immediate threat to Madras, mentioned in the Government communique of 11th April 1942, having now disappeared the Government have decided to bring back the essential portions of the Secretariat and most of the other offices to the City of Madras.—A. P.

ELECTION OF NEW SECRETARY

ALLAHABAD, April 24.

The Organising Committee of the forthcoming session of the A. I C.C. at Allahabad is meeting this evening to elect a new General Secretary.

Mr. Shastri who was arrested this morning is also the Secretary of the U.P.P.C.C.—A.P.

The All-Mysore State Women's Conference was held in conjunction with the Mysore State Congress at Nehru Nagar under the presidency of Mrs. Subbamma N. Jois, when this photo was taken.

PUNJAB PLEDGED TO HELP ALLIES

"Sikandar On Johnson's Stirring Appeal"

LAHORE, April 24.

On behalf of the gallant people of the Punjab—the sword arm of India—I warmly reciprocate the sentiments expressed by Colonel Johnson and request him to convey to President Roosevelt and the great and freedom loving people of the United States our cordial greetings and unshakable determination to stand by the United Nations, undeterred by temporary vicissitudes or setbacks, fortified by an indomitable will to win and an unfaltering faith in our final victory" says Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab, in a statement to the press.

Continuing Sir Sikandar says: "His Majesty's Government have repeatedly declared that India will have full and equal freedom with great Britain and other Dominions. Col. Johnson has now endorsed that pledge on behalf of the President and people of the United States and on behalf of the people of the United Nations who have banded together to fight the evil forces of ruthless and unscrupulous aggression and to rehabilitate truth, justice and liberty. Let India grasp firmly the hand of friendship extended by the freedom loving people of the United States and of the United Nations. We in the Punjab are pledged from the very beginning of this war to give of our best and to continue to contribute to our utmost capacity until the final victory is won.

EXAMPLES OF "C. R." AND JAWAHAR

It is a matter of gratification to all of us that such prominent and respected leaders as Mr. Rajagopalachariar and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru are now openly exhorting their countrymen to rally in the defence of their Motherland. To those who are still hesitant and to the faint-hearted, Colonel Johnson's stirring appeal should provide the necessary stimulus to shed their hesitancy and join the vast majority of their countrymen in meeting the menace which threatens our Motherland. Let them take to heart the frank, refreshing and inspiring appeal in the concluding portion of Colonel Johnson's address. To this stirring appeal India must, and I am confident, will make a generous and befitting response.—A. P.

NEW DELHI, April 23.—A meeting of the Viceroy's Executive Council was held on Wednesday, under the presidency of the Vice-President, the Hon. Sir Reginald Maxwell.

FURNISH FULL AND CORRECT STATEMENT

Controller's Order On Poona Sugar Dealers

POONA, April 23.

The District Magistrate and Controller of Prices, Poona, has issued orders directing every dealer (including an important agent) of sugar in the Poona City (Municipal area) the Poona suburban area, and the Poona and Kirkee cantonment areas to furnish to the District Magistrate and Controller of Prices, on every Friday a full and correct statement, in the specified form, of the stocks of sugar held by him on his own account or on account of any other person in connection with his business on the close of the day immediately proceeding such Friday, if such stocks exceed over one Bengali maund in weight.

Any persons contravening any one of the requirements of the above order shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both, under Defence of India Rule 81 (4).

The object of calling these returns is to have true and accurate information of the stocks held by dealers, so that if there is a general shortage, arrangements could be made and transport could be provided for making up the shortage.—A. P.

"C. R." LEAVES FOR WARDHA

MADRAS, April 24.

Mr. C Rajagopalachari, member of the Congress Working Committee, left Madras, this morning, by the grand trunk express for Wardha, 'en route,' to Allahabad, to attend the meetings of the Working Committee on the 27th instant and the All-India Congress Committee commencing on the 29th instant.

He will break his journey at Wardha and meet Mahatma Gandhi before proceeding to Allahabad.—A. P.

MR. SARGENT TO VISIT CHUNGKING

NEW DELHI, April 23.

Mr. John Sargent, Educational Commissioner, Government of India, is shortly visiting Chungking at the invitation of the Chinese Government with a view to lecturing on and discussing educational matters.

The Chinese Government are reported to be extremely interested in technical education of long view for post-war reconstruction and intend utilising the experiences of Mr. Sargent who has been closely associated with planning technical education in India.—United Press.

EXODUS REACTION:

Tillers Of Soil Landless, Homeless & Foodless

Dr. Nag's Appeal To Mahatma To Render Help And Save Them Through A.-I. V. I. A,

CHANDPUR, April 23.

In a letter addressed to Mahatma Gandhi Mr. Hardayal Nag, a Congress leader, says:—

In continuation of my letter, dated March 1, last about "back to village", I beg to add that my forecast made in one of my recent letters in reference to shortage of food and clothing, is fast becoming a grim reality. The exodus of men, women and children from the town to the village is steadily increasing. Those who are thus going back to the village are so much dehumanised and demoralised that they find themselves in the village quite incapable of earning their own livelihood by doing any work involving manual labour."

Mr Nag says that real tillers of the village land are in fact landless and homeless. They are generally known as "sarvahara" i.e., deprived of all. They are the only toilers who toil nearly 12 hours a day to produce the real wealth i.e., food. It may be stated here that there is another class in the village who are known as peasant proprietors. They possess large quantities of culturable lands and mercilessly exploit the actual tillers of the land. Now the motto "the village for the villagers" will be meaningless to those tillers of the soil if they cannot have even two square meals a day and a decent home to live in.

QUESTION OF CLOTHING.

'Now comes the question of clothing. A cry has been raised about the shortage of petrol and coal. Clothing takes the second place among the necessaries of life, and the village is seriously threatened with its shortage. Those runners back to the village and other exploiters of the distressed village may do well if they take to 'Charka" and hand-loom and produce sufficient clothing for the use of the village. The All-India Village Industries Association is not extensively working in Bengal. I, therefore, humbly pray to you to see that the Association be valuable in all the Bengal villagers to render them practical help in making themselves self-dependent in producing their necessaries of life as far as possible."—A. P.

HUQ INTERVIEWS PRISONERS

DACCA, April 23.

The Bengal Premier, the Hon. Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, and the Hon. Mr. Shyamaprasad Mookerjee, Finance Minister, with Mr. Atul Sen, M.L.A., had another long interview with the terrorist and security prisoners in Dacca Jail, this morning.

Interviewed by the 'Associated Press', the Premier declined to disclose the subjects of their discussion, and said that action regarding the prisoners would be decided by the Government in due course.—A. P.

Lahore Ban On Maps

LAHORE, April 23.

Mr. K. H. Henderson District Magistrate, Lahore, has issued an order under the Defence of India Rules calling upon all persons and private institutions, including educational institutions and firms in Lahore district, to report to him within a fortnight if they possess any maps of the prohibited categories. Private institutions, including educational institutions and firms, shall also state if all or any of such maps in their possession are really necessary for their work or business".

Failure to furnish the required information in compliance with the above order is punishable with imprisonment, which may extend to three years or with fine or with both.—A P.

WORKERS' CONVENTION TO SOLVE STATE PROBLEMS.

BOMBAY, April 24.

It is understood that a deputation on behalf of the Rewa State People will proceed to Wardha shortly to meet Acharya Narendra Deo, President of the Central India States Peoples' Conference. The deputation will apprise Acharya Deo with the present political situation of the Central India States and seek permission to hold a Workers' Convention in the near future to consider the various problems of the people and workers of the Central India. A meeting of the Working Committee of the Central India States' Peoples' Conference will also be held shortly to consider certain important matters.—United Press.

SUSPENSION AS A PROTEST.

NEW DELHI, April 23.

Mr. Deshbandhu Gupta, member of the Central Press Advisory Committee, has sent a telegram to Mr. K. Srinivasan, President of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference, informing him of the decision of the "Pratap", a Punjab Urdu daily to suspend publication as a protest against the Government order imposing precensorship and requesting him to intervene in the matter immediately.—United Press.

KARACHI:—Twenty employees of the Dalmia Cement Company who were on strike have been arrested on an alleged charge of sabotage.

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